

EFTA Surveillance Authority

Application of EU Timber Regulation

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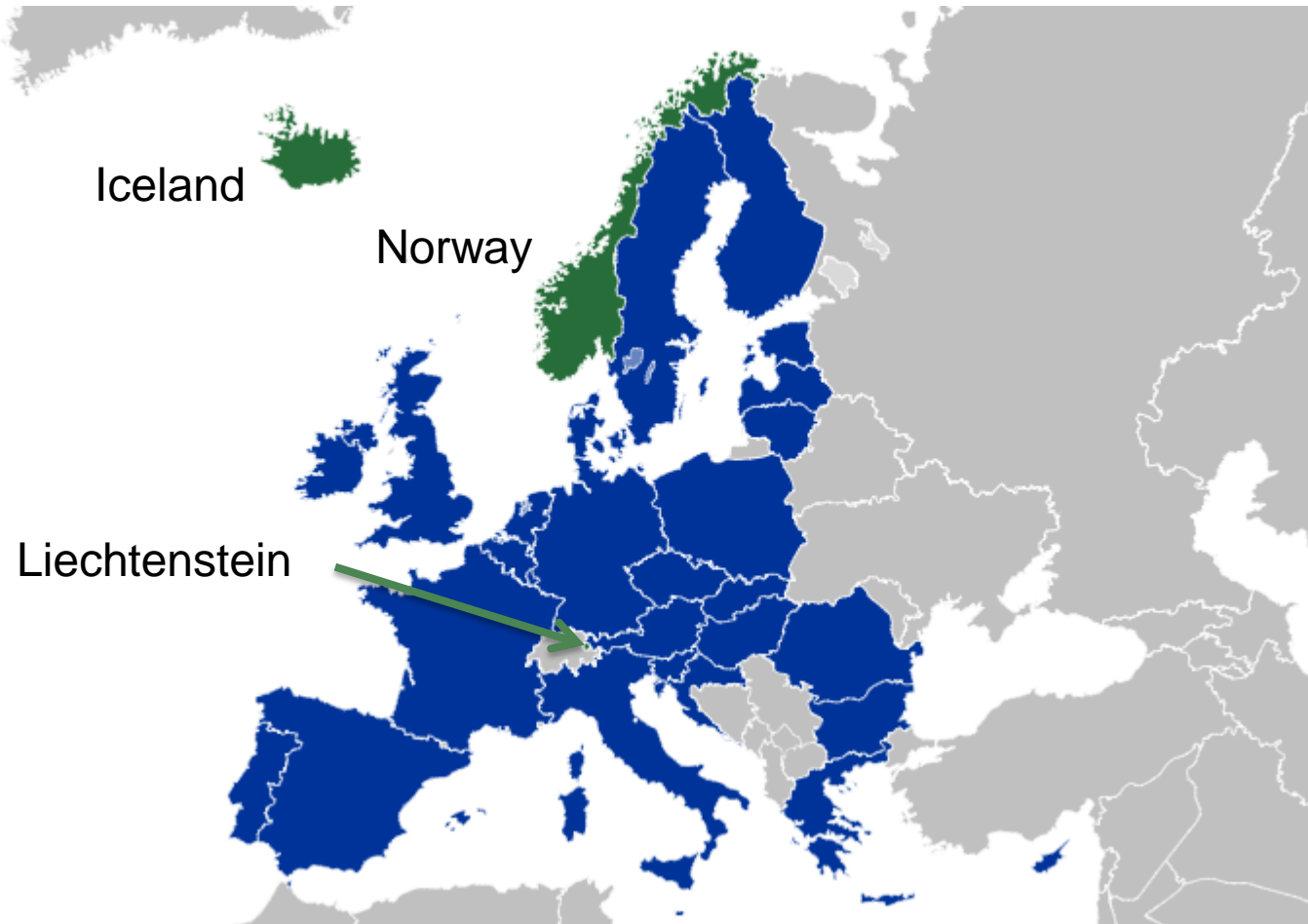
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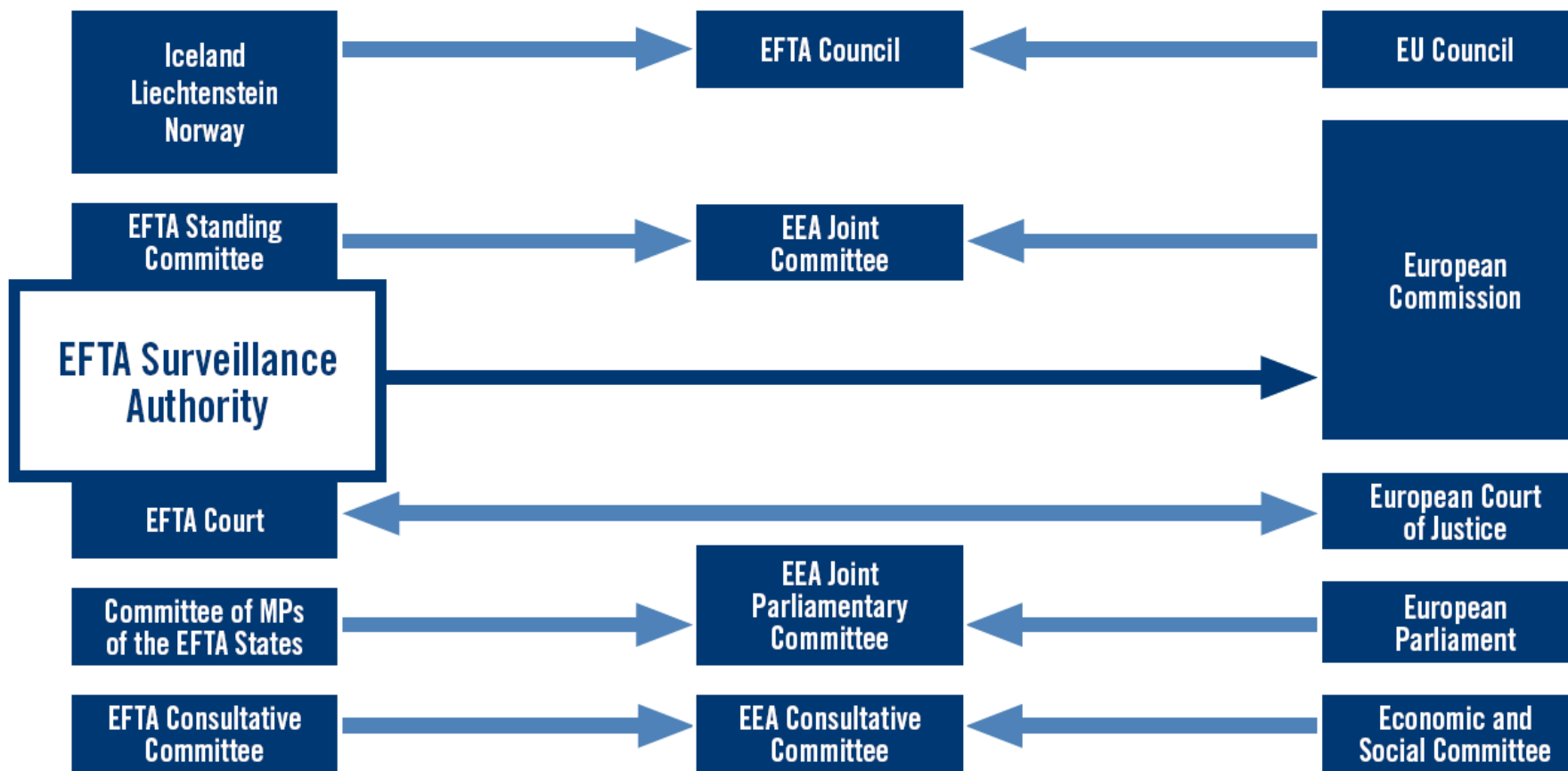
European Economic Area (EEA)

28 EU + 3 EFTA = 31 EEA states





THE TWO-PILLAR STRUCTURE UNDER THE EEA AGREEMENT



EFTA Surveillance Authority

- Ensure proper functioning of the EEA Agreement
- Monitor implementation of new EEA legislation
- Investigate national legislation and practices



The little sister of the Commission



Timber Regulation 995/2010

- Entered into force in the EEA on 1 May 2015, together with Regulation 363/2012 and 607/2012
- No notifications yet from NOR and ISL to indicate implementation
- Special adaptations for the EEA EFTA States
 - Article 3 EUTR does not apply (FLEGT)
 - References to EU CITES legislation are to be read as references to national legislation

Role of the EFTA Surveillance Authority

- Apply EUTR and implementing Regulations consistent with the practice of the Commission
- Responsible for the recognition of MO's in 3 EEA EFTA States
- Can withdraw recognition of MO's
- Close contact with the Commission, harmonised process