

EFTA COURT

Action brought on 28 June 2013 by the EFTA Surveillance Authority against Iceland

(Case E-10/13)

An action against Iceland was brought before the EFTA Court on 28 June 2013 by the EFTA Surveillance Authority, represented by Xavier Lewis and Maria Moustakali, acting as Agents of the EFTA Surveillance Authority, 35 Rue Belliard, B-1040 Brussels.

The EFTA Surveillance Authority requests the EFTA Court to:

- 1. Declare that by failing to implement correctly Articles 2(1)(a)-(d) and Articles 2(2)(a)-(b) of the Act referred to at point 21b in Annex XVIII to the Agreement on the European Economic Area (*Directive 2006/54/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 5 July 2006 on the implementation of the principle of equal opportunities and equal treatment of men and women in matters of employment and occupation (recast)*), as adapted to the EEA Agreement by way of Protocol 1 thereto, within the time prescribed, Iceland has failed to fulfil its obligations under the Act.**
- 2. Order Iceland to bear the costs of these proceedings.**

Legal and factual background and pleas in law adduced in support:

- The application addresses the failure by Iceland to comply, no later than 20 August 2012, with reasoned opinion issued by the EFTA Surveillance Authority on 20 June 2012 on the failure to correctly implement Articles 2(1)(a)-(d) and Articles 2(2)(a)-(b) of the Act referred to at point 21b in Annex XVIII to the Agreement on the European Economic Area (*Directive 2006/54/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 5 July 2006 on the implementation of the principle of equal opportunities and equal treatment of men and women in matters of employment and occupation (recast)*), (the Directive).
- The EFTA Surveillance Authority submits that Iceland has failed to fulfil its obligations under Articles 2(1)(a)-(d) and Articles 2(2)(a)-(b) of the Directive by failing to adopt the measures necessary to implement the Directive within the time prescribed.