

Declaration

Upon the incorporation of the Temporary Work Agency Directive (2008/104/EC) into the EEA Agreement, Norway underlines its commitment to further develop a national policy on safeguarding acceptable and reasonable wage and working conditions for workers employed in temporary work agencies.

The above is part of the Government's efforts to prevent social dumping and in line with the important principle of equal treatment as laid down in the Directive. Further, Norway recalls that employment contracts of a permanent nature should be the general form of employment relationship. This principle is *inter alia* emphasized in point 15 of the preamble to the Directive. Moreover, there is no contradiction between the Directive and Norwegian legislation and regulations concerning the use of temporary workers. This also applies with regard to restrictions on the use of workers from temporary work agencies, including a requirement that the demand for labour is of a temporary nature.