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**Judgment in Case E-2/07 *EFTA Surveillance Authority v Kingdom of Norway***

**NORWEGIAN PUBLIC SERVICE PENSION ACT VIOLATES EEA LAW –  
GENDER-BASED DISCRIMINATION**

In a judgment delivered today, the EFTA Court held that the Kingdom of Norway has failed to fulfil its obligations under the EEA Agreement by maintaining in force certain provisions of the Norwegian Public Service Pension Act concerning public employees who had become members of the Public Service Fund prior to 1 October 1976. According to the legislation, survivors' pensions of female employees' spouses are subject to curtailment based on other income received by the widower, whereas widows are granted a pension without curtailment. This, the EFTA Court held, constitutes a violation of the principles of non-discrimination with regard to equal pay and the calculation of benefits.

After five years of discussions on the matter with the EFTA Surveillance Authority, the Kingdom of Norway did not contest its failure to comply with EEA law before the Court.

The full text of the judgment may be found on the Internet at: [www.eftacourt.lu](http://www.eftacourt.lu).

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