

No 659/1967

Act
on the Enforcement of Certain Obligations of Finland
as a Member of the United Nations and of the European Union
(title amended by Act No 705/1997)

Issued at Helsinki on 29 December 1967

(amendments up to 364/2002 included)

In accordance with the decision of Parliament, which has been made in conformity with the provisions of section 67 of the Parliament Act, the following is enacted:

Section 1

In order to enforce the obligations of Finland as a Member of the United Nations, arising from the binding resolutions adopted by the Security Council, necessary measures of an economic nature or concerning communications or traffic may be provided by Decree.

Section 2

The Speaker of Parliament shall be notified of Decrees issued by virtue of this Act without delay, and he or she shall inform Parliament of them immediately or, if Parliament is not in session, as soon as it is convened, and those Decrees shall be repealed if Parliament so decides.

Section 2 a
(705/1997)

More detailed provisions on the implementation of Regulations adopted under Article 60, 301 or 308 of the Treaty establishing the European Community and falling within the scope of the common foreign and security policy of the European Union, on the interruption or limitation of capital transfers, payments or other economic relations, shall, when necessary, be given by a Government Decision. (364/2002)

Information on the entry into force of Regulations referred to in subsection 1 above and on the penalty provisions applicable to the violation of such Regulations shall be given by an Announcement of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, to be published in the Statute Book of Finland. (191/2000)

Section 3

A commitment or contract entered into contrary to the provisions of this Act or orders issued by virtue thereof, or for the purpose of evading such provisions, shall not be enforced.

If a commitment or contract, entered into prior to the date of entry into force of a Decree issued by virtue of this Act, is contrary to the provisions of such a Decree or of orders issued by virtue thereof, the enforcement of such a commitment or contract shall be interrupted without delay.

Section 4 (364/2002)

A penalty for the violation or attempted violation of regulatory measures issued by authorities by virtue of this Act and for the violation or attempted violation of Regulations adopted under Article 60, 301 or 308 of the Treaty establishing the European Community and falling within the scope of the common foreign and security policy of the European Union, on the interruption or limitation of capital transfers, payments or other economic relations, is provided in Chapter 46, sections 1 to 3 of the Penal Code (39/1889).

Section 5

More detailed provisions on the application of this Act shall be issued by Decree.

Section 6

This Act shall enter into force on 1 January 1968.

Chapter 46 - **Regulation offences and smuggling** (769/1990)

Section 1 - *Regulation offence* (1522/1994)

- (1) A person who violates or attempts to violate a regulatory provision in
- (1) the Act on the Fulfilment of Certain Obligations of Finland as a Member of the United Nations and the European Union; (706/1997)
 - (2) the Act on the Security of the Foreign Trade and Economic Growth of the Nation (157/1974);
 - (3) the Foreign Exchange Act (954/1985);
 - (4) *subparagraph has been implicitly repealed.*
 - (5) the Price Freeze Act (717/1988);
 - (6) the Emergency Powers Act (1080/1991);
 - (7) the Act on the Adoption and Application of the Agreement on the International Energy Programme (1682/1991);
 - (8) the Act on Foreign Trade Administration and the Supervision and Protection Measures Applicable in Certain Situations (1521/1994); (706/1997)
 - (9) an import or export Regulation of the European Union; (706/1997)
 - (10) the Act on the Export Control of Dual-use Goods (562/1996); or (706/1997)
 - (11) a Regulation, adopted on the basis of Article 60, 301 or 308 of the Treaty establishing the European Community, on the interruption or limitation of capital transfers, payments or other economic relations as regards the Common Foreign and Security Policy of the European Union; (365/2002)

or a regulatory order issued on the basis of one of the above, shall be sentenced for a *regulation offence* to a fine or to imprisonment for at most two years.

Section 2 - *Aggravated regulation offence*
(769/1990)

If in the regulation offence

- (1) considerable financial benefit is sought;
 - (2) the offence is in some area or in the entire country conducive to causing considerable danger to the livelihood of the population, the functioning of the national economy or the economic defensive preparedness of the nation; or
 - (3) the offence is committed in a particularly methodical manner
- and the regulation offence is aggravated also when assessed as a whole, the offender shall be sentenced for an *aggravated regulation offence* to imprisonment for at least four months and at most four years.

Section 3 - *Petty regulation offence* (769/1990) If the regulation offence, when assessed as a whole, with due consideration to the amount of benefit sought or to the other circumstances connected with the offence, is to be deemed petty, the offender shall be sentenced for a *petty regulation offence* to a fine.