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Decree of the Ministry of Transport and Communications on certain fees of the Finnish Communications Regulatory Authority

(1175/2005, amendments up to 1112/2006 included)

Section 1 Scope of application

This Decree lays down provisions relating to certain services of the Finnish Communications Regulatory Authority, hereafter FICORA, that are subject to a fee and the grounds for their payment and to public-law services subject to a fixed fee.

Section 2 Public-law services subject to a fixed fee

Public-law services subject to a fee referred to in section 6(2) of the Act on Criteria for Charges Payable to the State, for which FICORA charges fixed fees laid down in sections 8-10 and 11(2) of this Decree, are as follows:

- 1) right to use a number code or a subscriber number in a communications network;
- 2) granting, change or transfer of a domain name or another information network code;
- 3) maintaining the right to use a domain name or another information network code;
- 4) registration of certification authorities providing qualified certificates related to electronic signatures; and
- 5) assessing the compliance with law of inspection bodies that assess the electronic signature creation devices.

Section 3 Public-law services at cost price

Public-law services for which FICORA charges a fee at the cost-price of the service are as follows:

- 1) re-inspection of a telecommunications network constructed by a telecommunications contractor;
- 2) designation of inspection bodies that assess the tools for creating electronic signatures; and
- 3) assessing the compliance with law of the certification authorities providing qualified certificates related to electronic signatures.

Section 4 Other services subject to a fee

- (1) Services referred to in section 7 of the Act on Criteria for Charges Payable to the State for which FICORA sets prices on commercial principles are as follows:
- 1) services of a Conformity Assessment Body relating to ensuring common European conformity assessment of telecommunications terminal equipment or radio equipment;
- 2) proficiency examination in amateur radio service;
- 3) an amateur radio call sign of one's own choice;
- 4) printed material incurring any other than minor expenses of information services;

- 5) training incurring any other than minor expenses of information services;
- 6) dispatch of a document where the costs have not been included in the fee to be charged for another service referred to in this Decree; and
- 7) other service ordered from FICORA.
- (2) FICORA decides on the charges for information retrieval referred to in section 34(2) of the Act on the Openness of Government Activities (621/1999) and for supply of copies and printouts referred to in section 34(3) of the same Act taking into account, however, the provisions of section 34(4-6) of the Act on the Openness of Government Activities.
- (3) FICORA may charge the cost price of a service referred to in section 1(3) of the Decree on Communications Administration (60/2004) if it has a de facto monopoly on the production of the service as referred to in section 7(2) of the Act on Criteria for Charges Payable to the State (150/1992). Prices for other services referred to in section 1(3) of the Decree on Communications Administration are based on commercial principles. (1004/2006)

Section 5 Charges based on special legislation

Charges of FICORA based on the Communications Market Act are:

- 1) a communications market fee; and
- 2) a telecommunications contracting fee.

Section 6 Communications market fee

- (1) An annual communications market fee referred to in sections 15a-c of the Communications Market Act (393/2003) is charged annually in one instalment.
- (2) For the purposes of defining the fee FICORA has the right to obtain information from the telecommunications operator about the operator's total turnover of the period preceding the imposition of the fee. Operators that are part of a corporate group shall also determine which instalments accrued from the mutual telecommunications activities of the group's operators have been deducted from the total turnover of telecommunications activities as referred to in section 15b(1) of the Communications Market Act. The telecommunications operator shall deliver the information to FICORA within one month of the approval of the financial statements. A copy of the operators' and the group's approved financial statements shall be included as an appendix.

Section 7 Telecommunications contracting fee

An annual telecommunications contracting fee referred to in section 137a(1) in the Communications Market Act is charged annually in one instalment. The fee is charged in accordance with FICORA's register of telecommunications contractors of 1 January.

Section 8 Communications network numbering fees

(1) Numbering fees referred to in section 49 of the Communications Market Act are		
charged as follows:		
1) a subscriber number fee for:		
a number of a public fixed telephone network		0.20 euros/subscription,
a number of a public mobile communications network	k	0.20 euros/subscription,
2) a carrier access code fee for:		
a 3-digit trunk traffic carrier access code	15,000 euros	
a 4-digit trunk traffic carrier access code	3,000 euros,	
a 5-digit trunk traffic carrier access code	600 euros,	
a 3-digit international carrier access code		35,000 euros,
a 4-digit international carrier access code		7,000 euros,
a 5-digit international carrier access code		1,400 euros,
a 5-digit general carrier access code		2,000 euros,
3) a fee for a mobile area code for:		
a 3-digit area code		10,000 euros,
a 4-digit area code		2,000 euros,
a 5-digit area code		400 euros,
4) a service number range fee and a fee for a nationwide subscriber number range of a fixed		
telephone network for:		
a 4-digit service number code of a specific numbering	g area	600 euros,
at least 5-digit service number code of a specific numbering area		120 euros,
a 3-digit nationwide area code		25,000 euros,
a 4-digit nationwide area code		5,000 euros,
a 5-digit nationwide area code		1,000 euros,
at least 6-digit nationwide area code		200 euros,
5) a fee for a data network identification code (DNIC)		8,000 euros,
6) a fee for a technical identification code:		
an International Signalling Point Code (ISPC)		1,600 euros,
a National Signalling Point Code (NSPC)		0.8 euros,
a Closed User Group (CUG) code		0.8 euros,
a centrex telecommunications operator code		35 euros,
a Mobile Network Code (MNC)		340 euros,
an operator code		170 euros,
7) a fee for a Short Message Service (SMS) number for:		
a 5-digit SMS number		120 euros,
a 6-digit SMS number		80 euros, and
8) a fee for a subscriber number range in telex netwo	rk	40 euros.
(1112/2006)		
(2) The subscriber number fee referred to above in section 1(1) is charged on the basi		
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- (2) The subscriber number fee referred to above in section 1(1) is charged on the basis of the number of subscriptions in the telecommunications operator's network on the first day of the year for which the fee is charged. The number of subscriptions shall include numbers that are used for incoming or outgoing directions only. (1112/2006)
- (3) No service-number fee is charged for a public emergency number or another corresponding general service number. (1112/2006)
- (4) The numbering fees are charged annually in four instalments; 1 January 31 March, 1 April 30 June, 1 July 30 September and 1 October 31 December. Fees for Short Message

Service numbers are charged annually in two instalments; 1 January -30 June and 1 July -31 December. (1112/2006)

Section 8a A registration fee and an annual fee for an ENUM domain name (1112/2006)

- (1) An ENUM domain name refers to a domain name formed of a telephone network number or number area. A fee of four euros is charged for the registration of an ENUM domain name or for altering the registration information.
- (2) An annual fee of four euros is charged for ENUM domain names in effect on the first day of the calendar year.

Section 9

Domain name fees and fees for certificates from the domain name register

- (1) A domain name fee of 48 euros is charged for granting, changing, transferring and renewing a domain name referred to in the Domain Name Act (228/2003). (1112/2006)
- (2) At request FICORA provides certificates from the domain name register in accordance with section 17(1)(7) of the Domain Name Act. A fee of 5 euros is charged for an electronic certificate of the domain name register and a fee of 10 euros for a certificate of the domain name register other than an electronic certificate.

Section 10

Registration fees of certification service providers providing qualified certificates related to electronic signatures

A registration fee of 3,000 euros is charged for registering a notification relating to the provision of qualified certificates to the public.

Section 11

Designation fees and inspection body fees of inspection bodies assessing electronic signature creation devices

- (1) An enterprise that has submitted an application for designation as an inspection body in accordance with section 6 of the Act on Electronic Signatures is charged a designation fee on the basis of the time spent on assessing the compliance with the requirements set for inspection bodies. A designation fee of 70 euros is charged per working hour.
- (2) The inspection body is charged an annual inspection body fee of 3,000 euros for the assessment of its compliance with the requirements set for inspection bodies that assess the creation device of secure electronic signatures.

Section 12 Certification fee

(1) A certification service provider that provides qualified certificates to the public and has submitted a notification referred to in section 9 of the Act on Electronic Signatures shall pay to FICORA every six months a certification fee, the amount of which is 0.25 euros per every qualified certificate that has been issued by the certification service provider in Finland and that is valid at the end of the invoicing period preceding the collection of the fee, but however, at least 3,500 euros and not more than 40,000 euros in total per invoicing period.

(2) Invoicing periods used for the certification fee are from 1 January to 30 June and from 1 July to 31 December. The certification fee is charged for the first time for the invoicing period following the registration of the certification service provider.

Section 13 Fees charged for rejected applications

The fees referred to in sections 9 and 11(1) of this Decree are also charged for decisions rejecting the applications.

Section 14 Entry into force

- (1) This Decree enters into force on 1 January 2006.
- (2) A fee for a service relating to a matter that has become pending before the entry into force of this Decree will be charged in accordance with the provisions of law in force at the time of the entry into force of this Decree.
- (3) Measures necessary for the implementation of this Decree may be taken before its entry into force.

The implementing provisions of the Decree of 58/2006 read as follows:

- (1) This Decree enters into force on 1 February 2006.
- (2) A fee for a service relating to a matter that has become pending before the entry into force of this Decree will be charged in accordance with the provisions of law in force at the time of the entry into force of this Decree.
- (3) Measures necessary for the implementation of this Decree may be taken before its entry into force.

The implementing provisions of the Decree of 129/2006 read as follows:

- (1) This Decree enters into force on 1 March 2006.
- (2) A fee for a service relating to a matter that has become pending before the entry into force of this Decree will be charged in accordance with the provisions of law in force at the time of the entry into force of this Decree.
- (3) Measures necessary for the implementation of this Decree may be taken before its entry into force.

The implementing provisions of the Decree of 1004/2006 read as follows:

- (1) This Decree enters into force on 1 December 2006.
- (2) Measures necessary for the implementation of this Decree may be taken before its entry into force.

The implementing provisions of the Decree of 1112/2006 read as follows:

- (1) This Decree enters into force on 1 January 2007.
- (2) A fee for a service relating to a matter that has become pending before the entry into force of this Decree will be charged in accordance with the provisions of law in force at the time of the entry into force of this Decree.
- (3) Measures necessary for the implementation of this Decree may be taken before its entry into force.