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## **Act on the Agrifood Research Finland (1395/1997, amendments up to 1245/2000 included)**

Section 1 (21 December 2000/1245) - *Administrative status*

- (1) The Agrifood Research Finland operates under the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry.

Section 2 (21 December 2000/1245) - *Functions and duties*

- (1) The Agrifood Research Finland carries out biological, technological and economic research. In its own administrative sector it supports the competitiveness of the agricultural and food sector, quality of the production and living environment, viability of rural areas, diversity of agricultural and rural entrepreneurship, interaction between rural and urban areas, and consumer welfare.
- (2) The Agrifood Research Finland produces and transmits research-based information to develop the agricultural and food sector and related economic activities in the rural areas. The objective is that the solutions presented are ethically, ecologically, economically, socially and culturally sustainable. The Agrifood Research Finland participates in technology development and transfer to the companies in the sector. It develops methods for business accounting and management for rural entrepreneurs. It may cooperate with universities and other research institutes.
- (3) The Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry may commission the Agrifood Research Finland to carry out tasks in the administrative sector. Other relevant duties may also be assigned to the Agrifood Research Finland as set out by separate provisions.

Section 3 (21 December 2000/1245) - *Board of Directors*

- (1) The Agrifood Research Finland has a Board of Directors. Provisions on the appointment, term, composition and duties of the Board of Directors are laid down by Government decree.

Section 4 (21 December 2000/1245) - *Contributions*

- (1) The Agrifood Research Finland has the right to accept contributions for its operations.

Section 5 (21 December 2000/1245) - *Concluding agreements*

- (1) The Agrifood Research Finland may conclude agreements concerning carrying out duties and research relating to its functions and cooperation to implement the research programmes.

Section 6 (21 December 2000/1245) - *Further provisions*

- (1) Further provisions on the organisational structure, decision-making and duties, required qualifications and appointment of office holders, and the rules of procedure of the Agrifood Research Finland are issued by Government decree.

Section 7 (21 December 2000/1245) - *Transitional provisions*

- (1) When this Act enters into force the staff of the Agricultural Research Centre and the offices and duties except for the Director-General's office move to the Agrifood Research Finland. No consent of the person concerned is required.
- (2) Rights and obligations based on agreements of the Agricultural Research Centre are transferred to the Agrifood Research Finland.

**Entry into force and application of the amending statutes:**

**21 December 2000/1245:**

This Act enters into force on 1 March 2001.

Measures necessary for starting the operations of the Agrifood Research Finland may be undertaken before the Act's entry into force.