

Translation from Finnish

Legally binding only in Finnish and Swedish

Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment, Finland

**Act on the Prohibition Procedure of Online Intermediation Services and Search Engines
(464/2020)**

By decision of Parliament, the following is enacted:

Section 1

Scope of application

This Act lays down provisions complementing the prohibition procedure referred to in Article 14 of Regulation (EU) 2019/1150 of the European Parliament and of the Council on promoting fairness and transparency for business users of online intermediation services.

Section 2

Imposition of a prohibition

The Market Court may prohibit a provider of online intermediation services and a provider of an online search engine referred to in the Regulation specified in section 1 from continuing or repeating a procedure incompatible with the Regulation impacting the business users or corporate website users.

The prohibition shall be made more effective with a penalty payment unless this is unnecessary for a special reason.

For a special reason, a prohibition may be directed also at a person employed by a provider of online intermediation services or by a provider of an online search engine or on another party acting on his or her behalf. The prohibition may also be imposed as temporary, in which case the prohibition is in force pending a final decision on the matter.

Provisions on the handling of the matter before the Market Court are given in the Market Court Proceedings Act (100/2013).

Section 3

Designation of organisations and association

The Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment may grant an organisation and association established in Finland the right specified in Article 14(1) of the Regulation referred to in section 1 by designating it at its request as provided in paragraph 5 of said Article.

Provisions on the request for designation and communication of information are issued by a decree of the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment.

Section 4

Entry into force

This Act enters into force on 12 July 2020.

