

Translation from Finnish

Legally binding only in Finnish and Swedish

Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Finland

**Act on the Fulfilment of Certain Obligations of Finland as a Member of the United Nations
and of the European Union**

(659/1967; amendments up to 504/2015 included)

By decision of Parliament, made as provided by section 67 of the Parliament Act, the following is enacted:

Section 1

To fulfil the obligations arising for Finland as a member of the United Nations from the binding resolutions of the Security Council, the necessary measures of an economic nature or concerning communications or transport may, in respect of Finland, be provided by a decree.

Section 2

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Parliament of them immediately or, if Parliament is not in session, as soon as it is convened, and the decrees shall be repealed if Parliament so decides.

Section 2a (705/1997)

Further provisions on the implementation of regulations adopted by virtue of Article 215 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union and concerning the interruption of economic and financial relations with a third country or the adoption of restrictive measures against natural or legal persons, groups or non-State entities shall, when necessary, be issued by government decree. (504/2015)

Information on the entry into force of the regulations referred to in subsection 1 and on the penal provisions applicable to the violation of the regulations shall be given by an announcement of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs to be published in the Statutes of Finland. (191/2000)

Section 2b (504/2015)

In addition to the provisions of the regulations adopted by virtue of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union and referred to in section 2a, subsection 1, any freezing of funds of a natural person or legal person specified in their annexes shall be enforced by a bailiff upon application of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs in compliance with chapter 8, sections 5 to 10 and 12 to 15 of the Enforcement Code (705/2007). Any expenses incurred from the enforcement of the freezing and from depositing and managing the frozen funds shall be borne by the object of the decision.

A regulation on the freezing of funds or the annulment of such freezing shall be enforced regardless of appeal.

Notwithstanding secrecy provisions, a party subject to the reporting obligation as referred to in section 2 of the Act on Detecting and Preventing Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing (503/2008) shall, on the party's own initiative and without delay, provide the bailiff with any information referred to in chapter 3, section 66 of the Enforcement Code that the party may have concerning natural persons or legal persons referred to in subsection 1 of this section. Provisions on the obligation of a third party and an authority to provide information to the bailiff are laid down in chapter 3, sections 64 to 68 of the Enforcement Code.

In Finland, the Ministry for Foreign Affairs shall be responsible for the duties imposed on the competent national authority by regulations adopted by virtue of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union and referred to in section 2a, subsection 1, by Council decisions on restrictive measures adopted by virtue of Article 29 of the Treaty on European Union, and by resolutions on sanctions adopted by the Security Council of the United Nations, unless these duties fall within the competence of another authority.

Section 3

A commitment or agreement entered into contrary to the provisions of this Act or to orders issued by virtue of it, or intended to circumvent such provisions or orders, shall not be enforced.

If a commitment or agreement entered into prior to the entry into force of a decree issued by virtue of this Act is contrary to the provisions of the decree or to orders issued by virtue of it, the enforcement of the commitment or agreement shall be stayed without delay.

Section 4 (504/2015)

The penalties for a violation or attempted violation of a regulatory provision issued by an authority by virtue of this Act, and for the violation or attempted violation of regulations adopted by virtue of Article 215 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union and falling within the scope of the common foreign and security policy of the European Union, are laid down in chapter 46, sections 1 to 3 of the Criminal Code (39/1889).

Section 5

Further provisions on the application of this Act are issued by decree.

Section 6

This Act enters into force on 1 January 1968.