

**Government Decree on the Finnish Transport Safety Agency**  
(865/2009, amendments up to 720/2015 included)

**Section 1 – Organisation and senior officials**

- (1) The Finnish Transport Safety Agency is headed by a Director General who is responsible for the general development of the Agency's operations and supervision so that the Agency's duties are carried out efficiently and appropriately.
- (2) The Agency's senior officials are responsible for the profitability and development of the activities under their leadership.
- (3) Repealed by Government Decree 213/2014

**Section 2 – Decision-making**

The Director General shall decide all issues belonging to the Agency that are not assigned to another official under the law. Under special circumstances, the Director General may decide a matter that might otherwise be decided by one of his subordinates, unless otherwise provided elsewhere.

**Section 3 (720/2015) – Qualification requirements**

Senior officials working immediately under the Director General being part of the Agency's management shall have higher university degrees or be qualified air traffic controllers, airline transport pilots or sea captains, be familiar with the duties of the position, and have practical leadership skills and experience.

**Section 4 – Public positions and designation and recruitment of personnel**

- (1) The Director General is responsible for the establishment and termination of public positions and for making changes to job titles at the Transport Safety Agency, unless otherwise provided in the Rules of Procedure.
- (2) The Director General shall appoint and recruit the Agency's other personnel, unless otherwise provided in the Rules of Procedure.

**Section 5 – Leave of absence and deputy to the Director General**

- (1) The Ministry of Transport and Communications grants the leave of absence to the Director General. However, any leave of absence exceeding two years shall be granted by the Government, unless the leave of absence is based upon the law or a collective agreement for government employees. The Director General grants the leave of absence to the other staff members, unless otherwise provided in the Rules of Procedure.
- (2) The Ministry of Transport and Communications appoints the deputy to the Director General.

## **Section 6 – Representing the State**

The Finnish Transport Safety Agency shall act as the claimant or the defendant on behalf of the State and protect the State's interests and rights in all matters falling within the scope of the Agency in court and arbitration proceedings and before other authorities and in other proceedings.

## **Section 7 – Entry into force**

- (1) This Decree enters into force on 1 January 2010.
- (2) Measures necessary for the implementation of this Decree may be undertaken prior to the Decree's entry into force.