

**Customs Act, No. 1466 of 29 December 1994 (1)**

**Note**

Customs Act, No. 573 of 14 July 1978 was repealed by Customs Act, No. 1466 of 29 December 1994. There is no English translation of the Act. However, under Section 3 of the new Customs Act, which corresponds to Section 1 of the repealed Customs Act, the Finnish customs territory extends two nautical miles beyond the outer limit of the territorial sea. In this "customs zone" the Finnish authorities may supervise compliance with customs rules and regulations.

**Section 3(2)**

For the purposes of this Act:

- 1) The customs territory of Finland means the territory consisting of Finland's land territory, territorial waters and airspace, with the exception that the customs territory extends two nautical miles further than the outer limit of the territorial sea, unless otherwise provided in an international agreement;
- 2) The customs territory of the Community means the territory referred to in Article 3 of the Community Customs Code;(3)
- 3) Third countries mean territories not part of the customs territory of the Community;
- 4) Customs measures mean official measures falling within the competence of the Finnish Customs, with the exception of the pre-trial investigation of customs offences;
- 5) Customs offences mean violations of the provisions of this Act or other act of Parliament, the observance of which is controlled by the Finnish Customs, or of rules or regulations issued in pursuance thereof, and unlawful dealing in imported goods as referred to in Chapter 46 of the Penal Code, as well as such receiving offences referred to in subsection 2 of section 1 in Chapter 32 of the Penal Code and other violations as involve importation or exportation of property; (Act No 331/1996)
- 6) Technical control means viewing or listening to undefined passenger and goods transports, performed with the help of a technical device, as well as recording the voice or image automatically; (Act No 331/1996)
- 7) Surveillance means continuous or repeated gathering of information on certain persons or their activities; (Act No 331/1996)
- 8) Technical surveillance means continuous or repeated listening to certain persons with the help of a technical device and recording the voice (interception), viewing and photographing or videotaping (technical observation) and tracking the movements of a vehicle or goods (technical tracking); (Act No 241/2001)
- 9) The investigation and legal assistance system, being a technical part of the data system for police matters, means the data system for police matters referred to in section 1a of the Act on Police Personal Data Files (Act No 509/1995) in respect of the data entered by the Customs. (Act No 241/2001).

Apart from the definitions provided in subsection 1 above, the definitions in Article 4 of the Community Customs

Code shall apply.

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## Endnotes

### 1 (Note - Note)

The note below is extracted from Note YKE0010-125 dated 8 October 2002 from the Permanent Mission of Finland to DOALOS in reply to Questionnaire 2002 related to the UNCLOS 20th anniversary.

### 2 (Note - Note)

Unofficial translation of Section 3 provided by the Permanent Mission of Finland through e-mail dated 18 March 2003

### 3 (Note - Note)

\* Council Regulation (EEC) No 2913/92 of 12 October 1992 establishing the Community Customs Code.