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**Council for Trade-Related Aspects of  
Intellectual Property Rights**

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**NOTIFICATION OF LAWS AND REGULATIONS  
UNDER ARTICLE 63.2 OF THE TRIPS AGREEMENT**

FINLAND: UNFAIR BUSINESS PRACTICES ACT, 1978/1061

<b>Notifying Member</b>	<b>FINLAND</b>
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**Details of the notified legal text**

<b>Title</b>	Unfair Business Practices Act, 1978/1061
<b>Subject matter</b>	Undisclosed information
<b>Nature of notification</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Main dedicated intellectual property law or regulation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other law or regulation
<b>Link to legal text</b>	<a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2019/IP/FIN/19_0257_00_x1.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2019/IP/FIN/19_0257_00_x1.pdf</a> <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2019/IP/FIN/19_0257_00_x2.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2019/IP/FIN/19_0257_00_x2.pdf</a>
<b>Notification status</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> First notification <input type="checkbox"/> Amendment or revision to notified legal text <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Replacement or consolidation of notified legal text(s)
<b>Previous notification(s) referred to</b>	<b>IP/N/1/FIN/U/3</b> " <a href="https://docs.wto.org/dol2fe/Pages/FE_Search/FE_S_S006.aspx?DataSource=Cat&amp;query=@SymbolMatch=IP/N/1/FIN/U/3*&amp;Language=English&amp;Context=ScriptedSearches&amp;languageUIChanged=true#">https://docs.wto.org/dol2fe/Pages/FE_Search/FE_S_S006.aspx?DataSource=Cat&amp;query=@SymbolMatch=IP/N/1/FIN/U/3*&amp;Language=English&amp;Context=ScriptedSearches&amp;languageUIChanged=true#</a> "

**Brief description of the notified legal text**

Act amending Section 11 a of the Unfair Business Practices Act, adopted on 25 August 2016, 2016/719, entry into force on 1 January 2017

- Laki sopimattomasta menettelystä elinkeinotoiminnassa annetun lain 11 a §:n muuttamisesta
- Lag om ändring av 11 a § i lagen om otillbörligt förfarande i näringsverksamhet

Technical amendment: reference to the Courts Act (673/2016) was changed.

Act amending the Unfair Business Practices Act, adopted on 30 December 2015, 2015/1619, entry into force on 1 January 2016

- Laki sopimattomasta menettelystä elinkeinotoiminnassa annetun lain muuttamisesta
- Lag om ändring av lagen om otillbörligt förfarande i näringsverksamhet

Section 5 on entrepreneurs' right to keep its store in commercial centre closed for one day in a week was added to the Act.

Act amending the Unfair Business Practices Act, adopted on 31 January 2013, 2013/117, entry into force on 1 September 2013

- Laki sopimattomasta menettelystä elinkeinotoiminnassa annetun lain muuttamisesta
- Lag om ändring av lagen om otillbörligt förfarande i näringsverksamhet

Amendments concerning the centralisation of intellectual property matters to the Market Court. Sections 7, 8 and 11 were amended. New sections 7a, 8a, 10a, 10b and 11a were inserted.

Act amending Section 11 of the Unfair Business Practices Act, adopted on 13 May 2011, 2011/481, entry into force on 17 May 2011

- Laki sopimattomasta menettelystä elinkeinotoiminnassa annetun lain 11 §:n muuttamisesta
- Lag om ändring av 11 § i lagen om otillbörligt förfarande i näringsverksamhet

Amendment relating to the adoption of a new Act on the Prosecution Service (439/2011).

Act repealing Sections 3.1 and 3.2 of the Unfair Business Practices Act, adopted on 11 March 2011, 2011/231, entry into force on 15 June 2011

- Laki sopimattomasta menettelystä elinkeinotoiminnassa annetun lain 3 §:n 1 ja 2 momentin kumoamisesta
- Lag om upphävande av 3 § 1 och 2 mom. i lagen om otillbörligt förfarande i näringsverksamhet

Amendments relating to changes in the Consumer Protection Act. Sections 3.1 and 3.2. concerning lotteries were repealed.

Act amending the Unfair Business Practices Act, adopted on 29 August 2008/562, entry into force on 1 October 2008

- Laki sopimattomasta menettelystä elinkeinotoiminnassa annetun lain muuttamisesta
- Lag om ändring av lagen om otillbörligt förfarande i näringsverksamhet

Addition of a Section which includes the regulation on comparative advertising.

<b>Language(s) of notified legal text</b>	Finnish, Swedish
<b>Entry into force</b>	1 January 2017
<b>Other date</b>	Adoption: 25 August 2016

**Notification details**

<b>Submission date of notification</b>	25 July 2018
<b>Other information</b>	<p><b><i>Related legal instruments:</i></b></p> <p><b><u>Criminal Code</u></b></p> <p><u>Act amending Chapter 30, Section 13 of the Criminal Code, adopted on 7 April 2017, 2017/213, entry into force on 1 June 2017</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Laki rikoslain 30 luvun 13 §:n muuttamisesta</li> <li>- Lag om ändring av 30 kap. 13 § i strafflagen</li> </ul> <p>Amendment to legal persons liability on aggravated accounting offence.</p>

	<p><u>Act amending Chapter 30, Section 10 a of the Criminal Code, adopted on 18 September 2015, 2015/1211, entry into force 1 January 2016</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Laki rikoslain 30 luvun 10 a §:n muuttamisesta</li> <li>- Lag om ändring av 30 kap. 10 a § i strafflagen</li> </ul> <p>Technical amendment changing reference to the Audit Act.</p> <p><u>Act amending Chapter 30, Section 3 a of the Criminal Code, adopted on 30 November 2012, 2012/683, entry into force 1 January 2013</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Laki rikoslain 30 luvun 3 a §:n muuttamisesta</li> <li>- Lag om ändring av 30 kap. 3 a § i strafflagen</li> </ul> <p>Technical amendment changing reference on the Consumer Authority to the Competition and Consumer Authority.</p> <p><u>Act amending the Criminal Code, adopted on 10 June 2011, 2011/637, entry into force on 1 October 2011</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Laki rikoslain muuttamisesta</li> <li>- Lag om ändring av strafflagen</li> </ul> <p>Amendments relating to the Additional Protocol to the Criminal Law Convention on Corruption (Strasbourg 15 May 2003). Sections 7, 8 and 13 of chapter 30 of the Criminal Code concerning business offences were amended and new sections 7a, 8a, 14 and 15 were inserted.</p> <p><u>Act amending the Criminal Code, adopted on 13 May 2011, 2011/441, entry into force on 17 May 2011</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Laki rikoslain muuttamisesta</li> <li>- Lag om ändring av strafflagen</li> </ul> <p>Amendments relating to the adoption of a new Act on the Prosecution Service (439/2011). Section 12 of chapter 30 and section 6 of chapter 49 were amended.</p> <p><u>Act amending Chapter 30, Section 3 of the Criminal Code, adopted on 27 August 2010, 2010/750, entry into force 1 December 2010</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Laki rikoslain 30 luvun 3 §:n muuttamisesta</li> <li>- Lag om ändring av 30 kap. 3 § i strafflagen</li> </ul> <p>Technical amendments relating to the adoption of a new chapter 7 in the Consumer Protection Act regulating consumer credits (implementation of directive 2008/48/EC).</p> <p><u>Act amending the Criminal Code, adopted on 14 August 2009, 2009/641, entry into force on 1 November 2009</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Laki rikoslain muuttamisesta</li> <li>- Lag om ändring av strafflagen</li> </ul> <p>Amendments of Chapter 30 of the Criminal Code including criminalisation of the marketing of alcohol products, right to institute criminal proceedings and criminal liability of a legal person.</p> <p><u>Act amending Chapter 30 of the Criminal Code, adopted 19 December 2008, 2008/940, entry into force on 1 July 2009</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Laki rikoslain 30 luvun muuttamisesta</li> <li>- Lag om ändring av 30 kap. i strafflagen</li> </ul> <p>Addition of a section on charter trip company violation and charter trip company offence.</p>
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	<p><u>Act amending Chapter 30 of the Criminal Code, adopted 13 April 2007, 474/2007, entry into force 1 July 2007</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Laki rikoslain 30 luvun muuttamisesta</li> <li>- Lag om ändring av 30 kap. i strafflagen</li> </ul> <p>Addition of a section on auditing offence.</p> <p><u>Act amending Chapter 30, Section 12 of the Criminal Code, adopted on 8 June 2006, 2006/467, entry into force 1 July 2006</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Laki rikoslain 30 luvun 12 §:n muuttamisesta</li> <li>- Lag om ändring av 30 kap. 12 § i strafflagen</li> </ul> <p>Amendment on the Section about the right to institute criminal proceedings.</p>
<b>Agency or authority responsible</b>	Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment