

# **Finnish Penal Code (General Part)**

Source: Finnish Ministry of Justice

## **Chapter 1 Scope of application of the criminal law of Finland (626/1996)**

### **Section 1 *Offence committed in Finland***

Finnish law shall apply to an offence committed in Finland.

### **Section 2 *Offence connected with a Finnish vessel***

(1) Finnish law shall apply to an offence committed on board a Finnish vessel or aircraft if the

offence has been committed

(1) while the vessel was on the high seas or in a territory not belonging to any State or while

the aircraft was in or over such territory or

(2) while the vessel was in the territory of a foreign State or the aircraft was in or over such

territory and the offence has been committed by the master of the vessel, a member of its crew, its passenger or a person who otherwise was on board.

(2) Finnish law shall also apply to an offence committed outside of Finland by the master or member

of a crew of a Finnish vessel or aircraft if, by the offence, the offender has violated his/her or her

special statutory obligations as the master or member of the crew of the vessel.

### **Section 3 *Offence directed at Finland***

(1) Finnish law shall apply to an offence committed outside of Finland that has been directed at

Finland.

(2) An offence is deemed to have been directed at Finland

(1) if it is an offence of treason or high treason,

(2) if the act has otherwise seriously violated or endangered the national, military or economic

rights or interests of Finland or

(3) if it has been directed at a Finnish authority.

### **Section 4 *Offence in office and military offence***

(1) Finnish law shall apply to an offence referred to in chapter 40 that has been committed outside of

Finland by a person referred to in chapter 2, section 12 of this Code.

(2) Finnish law shall also apply to an offence referred to in chapter 45 that has been committed

outside of Finland by a person subject to the provisions of said chapter.

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