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INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING MOVEMENT AND STAY IN FRONTIER ZONE

In order to secure peace of the frontier and to maintain and emphasize general order and safety, a special frontier zone has been formed at the southeast and eastern frontier of Finland. Within this zone, persons of more than 15 years' age are forbidden to move or stay without a special permit of the proper police authority.

The control of observance of the Law and Act on Frontier Zone is the duty of the frontier guard and police authorities. These authorities have the right to interrupt and prevent activity, which according to the law in question is forbidden, and obliged to take, when needed, steps in order to bring a person guilty of offence to justice.

The frontier zone and marking of same

1. The frontier zone is an area bordering the boundary line and with a width of maximum 3 kms on the ground and 4 kms at sea. Further information on the course of the back border line of the frontier zone is submitted by the local frontier service and police authorities.

2. The back border line of the frontier zone is marked in the terrain. For the marking are used bulletin boards at public roads, sea-lanes and centers of population, yellow painted rings on trees within woodlands and yellow buoys and boards in watercourses.

The notice-boards have a text in Finnish reading — RAJAVYÖHYKE PÄÄSY VAIN LUVALLA (Frontier zone admittance only with special permit).

For movement and stay in frontier zone necessary permits

3. Permit to move and stay in frontier zone when applied for by a Finnish citizen, is granted by the police superintendent of the district covering the area for which the permit is asked for.

4. For a foreign citizen permit to move and stay in frontier zone is issued by the security police.
5. During movement and stay in the frontier zone, the necessary permit shall be brought along.
6. For possession and use of a camera outdoor in the frontier zone a special permit is needed. Permit will be granted, if approvable reason is put forward, by virtue of pronouncement of the proper frontier guard authority by the police superintendent of the district covering the area for which the permit is asked for.

Behaviour within frontier zone and in the vicinity of the frontier

7. Any person moving or staying within the frontier zone has to act and behave in such a way that maintenance of peaceful conditions and irreproachable order on the frontier will not be jeopardized.
8. As activities offending the integrity of the frontier and the peace of the frontier are considered
 - to cross the frontier without permit,
 - moving within a strip of land comprising an area of 4—5 metres' width bordering on the frontier,
 - to photograph the frontier or the borderland of the neighbouring country,
 - to shout out over the frontier or to speak to the frontier authorities or civilians of the neighbouring country,
 - to throw or in any other way deliver over the frontier objects, documents, newspapers or anything similar,
 - to throw light upon the frontier or the area of the neighbouring country,
 - to be careless with fire so that it can spread across the frontier and
 - other behaviour, which disturbs the frontier peace, and conduct contrary to good manners and customs in the vicinity of the frontier.
9. A person violating the Law on Frontier Zone or the provisions issued pursuant to same, will be punished — if no heavier penalty is prescribed by other law — by fine or imprisonment for maximum two years.