

**ICELAND**  
**International Sanctions Implementation Act**  
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Article 1

*Objective*

The objective of the present Act is to prescribe for the implementation of sanctions adopted by the United Nations Security Council on the basis of Article 41 of the United Nations Charter, by international organisations or by groups of States for the purposes of maintaining peace and security and/or of securing respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms.

Article 2

*United Nations Security Council Sanctions*

The Government of Iceland shall take the necessary measures to implement resolutions adopted by the United Nations Security Council pursuant to Article 41 of the United Nations Charter, and which Iceland must enforce because of its UN membership. The Foreign Affairs Committee of the Althingi shall be regularly informed of such measures.

Article 3

*Sanctions Adopted by International Organisations or Groups of States*

The Government of Iceland may, having consulted the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Althingi, cf. the Althingi Rules of Procedure Act, participate in and take the necessary measures to implement resolutions of international organisations or groups of States concerning sanctions adopted for the purpose of maintaining peace and security and/or of securing respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms.

Article 4

*Implementation of Sanctions*

Instructions contained in resolutions on sanctions, cf. Articles 2 and 3, may be implemented by issuing regulations. For that purpose a regulation may establish:

- a. prohibitions on trade and investments,
- b. import and export bans, including on weapons,
- c. a freezing of funds and other assets,
- d. a ban on contacts, including telecommunications and cultural relations,
- e. a travel ban applicable for individuals, vehicles, airplanes and ships
- f. a ban on providing services and training,
- g. a ban on providing economic and technical assistance,
- h. a ban on economic activity and enterprise participation, and
- i. other similar measures taken to maintain peace and security and/or to secure respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms.

Regulations shall include a reference to the relevant resolution, the sanctions to be implemented and against whom such measures are directed.

If lists are issued for parties, items, technology or other subjects of sanctions, they may be published in the original foreign language in the Official Gazette, B series, if necessary to secure the effectiveness of the sanction.

The Ministry for Foreign Affairs shall keep lists of existing sanctions in Iceland and against whom they are directed.

Article 5

### *Rights and Obligations that are Inconsistent with Sanctions*

It is forbidden to fulfil agreements and other rights and obligations that are inconsistent with this Act and regulations adopted on the basis thereof. This applies whether these rights and obligations arose before or after the regulation in question entered into force, unless otherwise indicated therein.

Failure to fulfil rights and obligations pursuant to para. 1 does not lead to liability.

### Article 6

#### *Action taken against a Party against whom a Sanction is directed*

An investigation of a party against whom a sanction is directed may be initiated in accordance with the provisions of the Criminal Proceedings Act, even if that Party is not suspected of a crime. The aim of the investigation is to provide all necessary information relating to the subject of a sanction, e.g. weapons, funds and other assets.

### Article 7

#### *Repeal of a Resolution*

If a resolution of the United Nations Security Council, an international organisations or a group of States is repealed, expires or no longer applies, the Minister shall, as soon as possible, repeal the regulation implementing the resolution.

### Article 8

#### *Exemptions from Sanctions*

The Minister may grant exemptions from sanctions which are implemented on the basis of this Act, if valid reasons apply. Conditions may be set for the exemption to ensure that the objective of the sanction is not undermined or its purpose is not deviated from.

### Article 9

#### *Removal from Lists*

Icelandic nationals, individuals residing in Iceland and legal persons registered and incorporated under Icelandic law that consider themselves erroneously listed as targets of sanctions may submit to the Minister a reasoned written appeal to be removed from the lists. The Minister shall inform the party in question what remedies are available to it. Furthermore, the Minister may file an application with the competent authorities to have the party in question removed from the list. In taking such decisions the Minister shall apply the provisions of the Public Administration Act.

### Article 10

#### *Penalties*

A person who violates an order or a ban set out in a regulation, cf. Article 4, para. 1, may be fined or imprisoned for up to four years, unless more severe penalties apply pursuant to other laws. In very serious cases fines or prison sentences up to six years may be imposed.

If a violation referred to in para. 1 results from gross negligence, fines or a prison sentence of up to one year may be imposed.

If a violation is committed in the course of activities of a legal person and for its benefit, that legal person may be fined regardless of whether guilt is proven of its representative or employee. If a representative or an employee is found guilty of a violation, the legal person may, concurrently with the imposition of the representative's or employee's penalties, be subjected to a fine if the violation was for its benefit.

According to provisions of the General Penal Code items which have been used in the connection with a violation, created by a violation or are otherwise related to a violation, may

be confiscated. Further, proceeds of a violation may be confiscated, or an amount equivalent to the proceeds or a part thereof.

Attempts at and participation in violations of regulations adopted on the basis of this Act are punishable in accordance with the General Penal Code.

If a resolution of the United Nations Security Council, an international organisation or a group of States has been repealed or has expired at the time of a violation, penalties may not be applied under this Act.

#### Article 11

##### *Scope*

The present Act applies to Icelandic and foreign nationals in accordance with the provisions of the General Penal Code concerning criminal jurisdiction, and in addition penalties may be applied to Icelandic nationals for an act committed abroad, even if the act is not punishable in accordance with the laws of the State where the violation was committed.

This Act applies to legal persons registered or incorporated in accordance with Icelandic laws, wherever they may operate or may be situated. If a legal person is registered or incorporated in a foreign country, this Act covers the said legal person's activities to the extent that such activities are undertaken within Icelandic jurisdiction.

#### Article 12

##### *Further Rules*

The Minister for Foreign Affairs is responsible for the enforcement of this Act and may adopt further rules relating thereto.

#### Article 13

##### *Entry into Force*

The present Act shall enter into force immediately. At the same time, Act No 5/1969, concerning the Implementation of United Nations Security Council Instructions is repealed.

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