

# WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

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Council for Trade in Services

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## NOTIFICATION PURSUANT TO ARTICLE V *BIS* (b) OF THE GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TRADE IN SERVICES

The following notification has been received from the delegation of Finland.

In accordance with Article V *bis* of the General Agreement on Trade in Services, Finland hereby notifies the Council for Trade in Services that Finland is party to the *Agreement concerning a common Nordic Labour Market* and the protocol annexed to it.

**1. Member notifying:**

Finland

**2. Notification under:**

Article V *bis* (b) of the GATS

**3. Date of entry into force:**

The current Agreement entered into force on 1 August 1983, replacing a previous Nordic agreement of 22 May 1954.

**Duration:**

indefinite

**4. Agencies responsible for implementation and enforcement of the measures:**

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**5. Description of the measures:**

The Agreement concerning a common *Nordic Labour Market* is applied in Finland in a manner which is compatible with the EC Treaty as agreed in the Protocol of Accession to the European Union and in a manner compatible with the provisions of the EEA Agreement.

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According to the provisions of the Agreement, nationals of the contracting countries have a right of free entry to the employment market of any other contracting country. They are exempted from requirements concerning residency and work permits.

The labour market regulations of any contracting country may not place the nationals of the other contracting countries in a less favourable position than that country's own nationals.

Furthermore, nationals of one contracting country who are employed in another contracting country shall be treated in the same way as that country's own nationals with respect to remuneration and other conditions of work.

**6. Members specifically affected, if any:**

Denmark, Iceland, Norway, Sweden

**7. The full text of the agreement is available from:**

WTO Secretariat