



Implementing the Directive 2010/32/EU in Finland

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How we are implementing the Directive 2010/32/EU in Finland

- 5.4.2011 the tripartite Committee decided to set up a sub-committee :

1. to work out the correspondence between the directive and Finnish law and
2. to make the required proposals to amend the legislation



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Duties on the sub-committee

- **To make** 1) a proposal and 2) well-founded comparison and 3) correspondence chart on the relationship between the directive and the Finnish legislation
- **To draw up** a well-founded proposal on the need to add, amend or abate statutes required by the appropriate implementation of the directive in our country
- The sub-committee report will take into account views on the interpretation held by parties as well as the implementation situation in other EU countries




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The timetable:

The sub-committee's initial deadline is September 2012.

The tripartite Advisory Committee in the Ministry of Social Affairs and Health will continue in October.



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Challenges to the implementation and open issues

- We have in Finland already much legislation (17 different acts) and we cannot prescribe on the same issue twice.
- **Open issues** are :
 - the need to lay down provisions on free vaccination (including students),
 - the free provision of required prophylaxis and necessary medical test in accidents,
 - in the directive there are more detailed provisions on risk assessment than in our laws and
 - the practice of recapping shall be banned with immediate effect.

At the same time, we have two revisions to national legislation related to the implementation of the directive

1. Communicable Diseases Act reform (2012- ?)
2. Employment Accidents Act and Occupational Diseases Act reforms (2014 -?)

Tehy Publication Series 3/08, B Reports:

- **Do not let a needlestick get you by surprise. Accidents Hazard – Tehy Study on Needlesticks and injuries that occurred due to sharp objects.**

www.tehy.fi/vaikuttajana/ulkaisut-ja-tilastot/2008/

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• Thank you for your attention !

