

## **The Decree on Restrictions to the Export of Cultural Objects 189/1999**

On the submission of the Minister appointed to deal with matters within the purview of the Ministry of Education, the following is enacted under sections 6, 8 and 15 of the Act on Restrictions to the Export of Cultural Objects issued on 5 February 1999 (115/1999):

### **Section 1**

#### **The licence application**

Application for a licence to export cultural objects shall be made to the competent authority on the form approved by the National Board of Antiquities. If the export of the object also requires a permit under the Council Regulation on the Export of Cultural Goods (EEC) No 3911/92 the application shall, however, be made on the form prescribed by the Commission's decree (EEC) No 752/93 issued under the Council Regulation on the Export of Cultural Goods (EEC) No 3911/92.

### **Section 2**

#### **Appendices to the licence application**

The following shall be appended to the licence application:

- 1) authorisation for exporting the object, when required
- 2) any temporary export prohibition issued in accordance with section 12 of the Act on Restrictions to the Export of Cultural Objects; and
- 3) three photographs of the object or other identifying explanation in triplicate.

Furthermore, the licence authority may, before making a decision, obligate the applicant to present other information necessary for making a decision on the licence application.

### **Section 3**

#### **Processing the licence application**

The licence application shall be processed promptly. If the application is defective, additional information shall be submitted within the time limit set by the licence authority. Failure to observe the time limit shall not prevent the making of a decision on the matter.

### **Section 4**

#### **Temporary export prohibition**

The temporary export prohibition under section 12 of the Act on Restrictions to the Export of Cultural Objects shall be issued on a form approved by the National Board of Antiquities.

### **Section 5**

#### **The licence decision**

The decision shall be given on the application form to which shall be attached one photograph and copies of appendices of the licence application. A negative decision shall also include a statement of reason.

### **Section 6**

#### **The licence register**

The National Board of Antiquities shall keep a register of licence decisions. Notification of licence decisions issued by other licence authorities and decisions concerning temporary export prohibitions issued by such authorities shall be sent to the National Board of Antiquities.

The National Board of Antiquities may issue more detailed instructions to other licence authorities for the purpose of maintaining the licence register.

## **Section 7**

### **Presenting the export licence to customs authorities**

The export licence shall be presented in the original to the customs authorities before taking the cultural object out of the country.

## **Section 8**

### **More specific regulations**

The competent Ministry may issue more specific regulations for the execution of this decree.

## **Section 9**

### **Entry into force**

This Decree shall enter into force on 1 May 1999.

Measures required for the execution of this Decree may be taken before the Decree enters into force.