

**Act**  
**on Communications Administration**  
(625/2001; amendments up to 397/2003 included)

Section 1  
*The Finnish Communications Regulatory Authority*

The Finnish Communications Regulatory Authority is responsible for the administrative duties relating to communications. It operates within the administrative sector of the Ministry of Transport and Communications.

Section 2 (397/2003)  
*Duties of the Finnish Communications Regulatory Authority*

The Finnish Communications Regulatory Authority shall:

- 1) carry out the duties provided by the Communications Market Act (396/1997), Radio Act (1015/2001), Act on Postal Services (313/2001), Act on Television and Radio Operations (744/1998), Act on State Television and Radio Fund (745/1998), Act on the Protection of Privacy and Data Security in Telecommunications (565/1999), Act on Electronic Signatures (14/2003); and Domain Name Act (228/2003); and
- 2) carry out the duties that lie with it according to other provisions, or regulations of the Ministry of Transport and Communications.

Section 3  
*Authority to issue Decrees*

Further provisions may be issued by Government Decree on the implementation of this Act as well as on other issues concerning the Finnish Communications Regulatory Authority such as how to deal with and resolve issues within the Authority; its duties, organisation and rules of procedure; how to monitor issues that concern the personnel; and how to safeguard the Authority's interests in other public authorities and administrative duties.

Section 4  
*Entry into force*

This Act enters into force on 1 September 2001.

This Act repeals the Act on Telecommunications Administration (518/1988), as amended. Measures necessary for the implementation of this Act may be undertaken before its entry into force.

Section 5  
*Transitional provisions*

After the entry into force of this Act the rights and obligations previously accumulated to the Telecommunications Administration Centre shall lie with the Finnish Communications Regulatory Authority. After the entry into force of this Act, provisions on the Telecommunications

Administration Centre and its duties shall apply to the Finnish Communications Regulatory Authority.

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Implementing provisions of the Act 397/2003 shall read as follows:

*This Act enters into force on 25 July 2003.*

*Measures necessary for the implementation of this Act may be undertaken before the Act's entry into force.*