Processing of personal data in detention operations

Controllers

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The data protection officer of the controller

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Purpose and legal basis of the processing of personal data

The purpose of the processing of personal data is

- to make the arrangements for accommodation, income and care as well as recording decisions necessary for possible restrictions or inspections

Your personal data will also be processed in the reception client register if

- you are applying for voluntary return. Your personal data will be processed in connection with your return by the reception centre, the police, the Finnish Border Guard, and the organisation in charge of the practical arrangements of your return.

- the controller observes or is notified of any remarks that, given the circumstances or a person’s behaviour, can reasonably be thought to fall within the controller’s competence to oversee the occupational safety of those in his or her employ or general order and safety. The personal data recorded includes the client numbers (the client number in the Immigration Case Management System) of the clients of the reception centre involved in a danger, disturbance or threat situation, on the basis of which the person can be identified and a description of the danger, disturbance or threat situation produced and, in addition to the above, your personal data will be processed

- in connection with the steering, planning and monitoring of the practical operations of the reception of the Finnish Immigration Service reception.

The processing of personal data is based on compliance with legal obligation of the controller under Article 6 (1) (c) and (9h) of the General Data Protection Regulation. A legal obligation of the controller is based on the following Acts:

- Act on the Processing of Personal Data in the Field of Immigration Administration (615/2020)
- Act on the Treatment of Detained Aliens and on Detention Units (116/2002)
- Act on the Reception of Persons Applying for International Protection and on the Identification of and Assistance to Victims of Trafficking in Human Beings (746/2011)

Categories of personal data

The identification data of the data subject are received from the detainee themselves as well as the data subject’s asylum application, detention decision or District Court decision:

- name, gender, date of birth, place of birth and country of birth as well as nationality used, marital status
- client number, case numbers, personal identity code
- first language and languages of interpretation
• facial image
• registration dates and contact details relating to the client relationship with the detention unit
• entries made by the detention unit on imposing restriction on a detained foreign national regarding the possession of a phone and other communication devices
• entries made by the Detention Unit on health information if the information is necessary for the purpose of taking measures required by the detainee’s health or delivery of care or for the purpose of exceptional treatment of a detainee at the detention unit owing to the detainee’s health or for the purpose of protecting the staff and other clients from communicable diseases.
• the necessary client information, documents as well as information and documents created in connection with the organising of the detention relating to the organising of the detention and restriction as provided in the Act on the Treatment of Aliens Taken into Detention and on the Detention Unit.

Sources of information

The data will be received from

• Immigration Case Management System
• The authority deciding on the detention (detention decision)
• data subjects themselves
• Reception and registration centres for asylum seekers
• The District Court of the locality of the detention unit (extension or termination of the detention)

Recipients of personal data

The recipients of personal data are:

• The staff of reception centres, registration centres, detention units, group homes or supported housing units for asylum seekers
  o Reception and registration centres in Finland
• The staff of the Assistance system for victims of human trafficking
  o Joutseno reception centre
• The staff of the Finnish Immigration Service, Reception Unit
  o Service points of the Finnish Immigration Services in Helsinki, Oulu, Joutseno
• The staff of the Finnish Immigration Service, Asylum Unit with regard to contact details
  o Service points of the Finnish Immigration Service
• Police service
  o Police departments and service points in Finland
• IOM (International Organization for Migration) if the client has applied for assisted voluntary return
  o IOM staff carrying out duties to organise voluntary return
• Healthcare staff
  o Service providers in Finland as based on the agreement between the Finnish Immigration Service and the healthcare service provider
Specifying individual recipients of the personal data is not possible owing to the extent of the public administration field.

Transfer of personal data outside the EU/EEA

The personal data of the data subject will not be transferred outside the EU/EEA except in a situation where the data subject is applying for assisted voluntary return. The necessary personal data of the data subject are transferred to the service provider in the home country for the purpose of paying the assistance for voluntary return.

Retention period of personal data

The personal data of the data subject will be erased when the personal data are no longer necessary in relation to the purposes for which they are collected and no later than five years after the last entry concerning the data subject. The erased data will be archived in its entirety for permanent storage in electronic format only, as provided in the decision of the National Archives Service.

Right of access to personal data

The data subject has the right upon request to receive stored and processed personal data concerning him or her or a confirmation that personal data concerning him or her is not being processed.

The information request is sent in person to the controller as follows:

- by visiting a detention unit and requesting for information from the detention unit in person
- by power of attorney through a representative or legal counsel
- by visiting a detention unit in person and requesting for information from the data protection officer of the Finnish Immigration Service with the assistance of the detention unit staff

The right of access may be denied under exceptional circumstances only. If the controller refuses to provide access to the data, a written certificate to this effect shall be issued. The certificate shall also mention the reasons for the refusal. A failure by the controller to give a written response to the data subject within three months of the request is deemed equivalent to a refusal to provide access to the data. In this event, the data subject may bring the matter to the attention of the Data Protection Ombudsman.

The controller may charge a reasonable fee for the provision of access to the data if less than one year has passed since the previous instance of exercising the right of access.

Right to rectify or supplement personal data

The data subject has the right to request the controller to rectify, erase or supplement personal data contained in the register if it is erroneous, unnecessary, incomplete or obsolete as regards the purpose of the processing. In this event, we will ask you to specify what information is
incorrect and how and why it should be changed, or to specify what information should be added and in what way.

The request to rectify, erase or supplement personal data is sent in person to the controller as follows:

- by sending the information request by mail to the postal address of the Finnish Immigration Service
- or by sending the information request by e-mail to migri@migri.fi
- or by visiting the reception centre in person
- or by visiting a Service Point of the Finnish Immigration Service in person

Report on the processing of personal data and the right to file a complaint with a supervisory authority

If you wish to report a problem concerning the processing of your personal data, please first contact the representative/data protection officer (contact details above) of the controller. Data subjects have the right to file a complaint about the processing of their personal data to the supervisory authority. In Finland, the Data Protection Ombudsman functions as the supervisory authority. The website of the Office of the Data Protection Ombudsman is at www.tietosuoja.fi.

The updated privacy statement is available on the website of the Finnish Immigration Service www.migri.fi