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Consultation letter in accordance with Article 10 of the Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment (Protocol on SEA) regarding the regulations issued under the Finnish Nuclear Energy Act

In accordance with Article 10 of the Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment (Protocol on SEA) to the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (Espoo Convention) and with Article 7 of the Directive 2001/24/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 June 2001 on the assessment of the effects of certain plans and programmes on the environment, Finland hereby sends this consultation letter regarding the regulations issued under the Finnish Nuclear Energy Act to Austria, Denmark, Germany, the Netherlands, Norway and Sweden. Finland also sends this letter for information purposes to Bulgaria, Czechia, Estonia, Hungary and Latvia.

Information on the regulations issued under the Nuclear Energy Act

The Radiation and Nuclear Safety Authority's (STUK) regulations will be revised in connection to the overall revision of the Nuclear Energy Act (990/1987). These regulations will be issued under the new Act and will form part of the national nuclear safety regulations. In accordance with the Act on the Radiation and Nuclear Safety Authority (1164/2022), the Radiation and Nuclear Safety Authority is responsible for promoting and supervising radiation safety and the safe use of nuclear energy, and is authorised to issue legal rules on its subject matters.

The regulations are based on the proposed Nuclear Energy Act (HE 24/2026 vp) and specify the requirements of the Nuclear Energy Act in accordance with the regulatory powers granted by the Act. The regulations set technical requirements for the radiation and nuclear safety of nuclear facilities. The design, construction, and operation of a nuclear facility must be carried out in accordance with the regulations. The main objective of the regulations is to prevent harmful environmental impacts caused by radiation associated with the operation of facilities. The regulations do not in themselves form a basis for the licensing or approval decisions referred to in the Nuclear Energy Act.

The regulations for international consultation set requirements for the design of nuclear facilities, the demonstration of safety, releases of radioactive substances, and emergency preparedness related to accident situations. Transboundary environmental impacts may be related to accident

situations which may have cross-border environmental impacts through the spread of radioactive releases.

The following eight (8) regulations are subject to the transboundary consultation.

Reference number	Regulation	National consultation
STUK 26/0007/2025	Radiation and Nuclear Safety Authority regulation on the site for a nuclear facility	13.3.–24.4.2026
STUK 27/0007/2025	Radiation and Nuclear Safety Authority regulation on the technical safety requirements for nuclear power plants	16.3.–27.4.2026
STUK 28/0007/2025	Radiation and Nuclear Safety Authority regulation on computational and experimental demonstration of the safety of the design solutions of a nuclear facility	16.3.–27.4.2026
STUK 31/0007/2025	Radiation and Nuclear Safety Authority Regulation on the Technical Safety Requirements for the Processing and Storage of Nuclear Fuel	21.5.–2.7.2026
STUK 33/0007/2025	Radiation and Nuclear Safety Authority regulation on the long-term safety of disposal of nuclear waste	19.1.–2.3.2026
STUK 39/0007/2025	Radiation and Nuclear Safety Authority regulation on releases of radioactive substances from nuclear facilities	4.12.2025–27.2.2026
STUK 40/0007/2025	Radiation and Nuclear Safety Authority regulation on radiological monitoring of the environment of nuclear facilities	4.12.2025–27.2.2026
STUK 42/0007/2025	Radiation and Nuclear Safety Authority regulation on the emergency arrangements of a nuclear facility	21.5.–2.7.2026

The Strategic Environmental Assessment procedure in Finland

In Finland, the environmental impacts of certain types of plans and programmes must be assessed pursuant to the Act on the Assessment of the Effects of Certain Plans and Programmes on the Environment (200/2005, SEA Act). The regulations are considered to constitute the framework for decisions on the authorisation or approval of projects in accordance with Article 4, Paragraph 1 of the SEA. The Radiation and Nuclear Safety Authority will finalise the regulations, taking into account the comments received during both the national and international consultations, in order to ensure their entry into force in early 2027, following the entry into force of the Act.

Participation in the procedure

The regulations and SEA assessment reports are available in Dutch, English, Finnish, German and Swedish. The documents, which have been prepared by the Radiation and Nuclear Safety Authority, can be downloaded from the following shared folders. The documents provide further information on the regulations and the SEA assessments. The shared folders expire on 18 June 2026.

- In Dutch: <https://filesender.funet.fi/?s=download&token=29945680-e6b9-40d2-8685-d18398ad1709>

- In English: <https://filesender.funet.fi/?s=download&token=88c49ae3-0738-4b03-ba61-fd1cf27d9609>
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Please send the response by email to the Register Office of the Finnish Environment Institute (kirjaamo@syke.fi) and to the email address of the Point of Contact in Finland (transboundaryEIA.SEA@syke.fi) by **11 August 2026** at the latest and:

- acknowledge the receipt of the notification, and
- submit comments on the assessment of the likely impacts of the regulations on the environment of your State, including comments and proposals received from the public.

Please clearly indicate in your letter which regulation each piece of possible comments relates to. In addition, please indicate our reference number **SYKE/2025/1436** in your letter.

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