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1 § General

These prison rules contain more specific regulations than the Imprisonment Act and the Remand Imprisonment Act and the provisions and regulations issued under the Acts on the movement within the prison area and locking of the premises, wards, arrangements related to visits, telephone use and free time activities, possession of property, and other corresponding individual issues related to the maintenance of prison order and arrangement of activities in the prison.

Prisoners must comply with the prison rules. A prisoner may be imposed a disciplinary punishment for violating the prison rules provided that the prison rules expressly state that the violation of the rule may be punishable by a disciplinary punishment.

A prisoner may also be imposed a disciplinary punishment if the prisoner fails to obey a request or order issued by an official of the Prison and Probation Service within the official's authority to maintain prison order and security.

2 § Moving within the prison area

Prisoners may move and spend time in their appointed activity and workplace, in their own accommodation ward, and in areas appointed for outdoor exercise, meals, and free-time activities at times stated in the daily schedule of the ward.

Moving elsewhere in the prison or its area without a permission is forbidden. A disciplinary punishment may be imposed for violating this rule.

3 § Clothing in the prison area

Prisoners must be properly dressed within the prison area.

4 § Locking of the premises and checking the number of prisoners

The cell doors are locked during the times determined in the daily schedule.

Prisoners in the wards located in the old part of the prison must be in their cells when the number of prisoners is being checked at times specified in the daily schedule.

Prisoners in the wards located in the new part of the prison must be in the kitchen of the ward when the number of prisoners is being checked at times specified in the daily schedule.

5 § Work and free-time activities

Prisoners can participate in work or other activities or education and training arranged by the prison.

Prisoners can use the gym and sports hall at times specified in the daily schedule. Activities linked to practising religion are arranged according to the weekly schedule. The use of the music facilities is possible at times agreed separately.

Prisoners can visit the library once a week at times specified in the daily schedule.

6 § Visiting the prison canteen

The precise times for visiting the prison canteen are in the daily schedule of the ward. Tobacco products bought from the prison canteen will be delivered to the ward by the staff.

7 § Visits

7.1 § Supervised visits

Supervised visits are arranged on Saturdays and Sundays at 9.15–13.45. The duration of a visit is 45 minutes.

Prisoners must reserve a visiting time by 16.00 on the previous Thursday.

The visitor and the prisoner are not allowed to have any means to take notes or transmit written messages without the permission of the staff. The prisoner and the visitor may not touch each other during the visit.

If a prisoner violates the terms of a meeting laid down in the prison rules, a disciplinary punishment may be imposed on the prisoner.

7.2 § Visits by a child

A prisoner may be granted permission to receive a visit from a child under 15 years of age in premises suitable for this, if the visit is necessary to maintain contact between the prisoner and the child and the visit is not against the best interests of the child. The visit is supervised.

The visits are arranged on Saturdays and Sundays at 9.15–13.45. If necessary, a visit by a child can also be arranged at other times. The duration of a visit is 45 minutes. Prisoners can apply for a visit by a child by filling in a separate form.

7.3 § Unsupervised visits

Unsupervised visits are arranged on Wednesdays at 8.00–11.00 and 11.30–14.30 and on Saturdays and Sundays at 8.30–11.30 and 12.00–15.00. The duration of an unsupervised visit is three hours. Prisoners can apply for an unsupervised visit by filling in a separate form.

7.4 § Communication via video connection

Communication via video connection is arranged on Saturdays and Sundays at 8.45–14.00. The duration of video communication is 45 minutes. Prisoners can apply for a meeting via video connection (Skype meeting) by filling in a separate form and returning it by 16.00 on Thursday.

Prisoners are not allowed to have means to take notes at hand or transmit written messages without the permission of the staff.

7.5 § Receiving goods during visits

A visitor can bring a prisoner a minor amount of such goods or objects, the possession of which is permissible in prison. The prison staff handles the passing of the goods. The goods must be handed over to the staff for inspection before they are given to the prisoner.

8 § Use of telephone

The telephones at the wards are available daily during the times specified in section 12 § Prison wards of these prison rules. The number of calls is limited by the number of available telephone devices and the time available according to the daily schedule.

All prisoners receive telephone codes that are for personal use only. The codes may not be given to the use of another person.

A prerequisite for the use of the telephone is that the prisoner tells the staff the numbers and the names of the people in advance by using the form reserved for this purpose. There can be no more than 20 numbers, which are then stored in the telephone system.

A disciplinary punishment may be imposed on a prisoner if the prisoner gives incorrect information about the telephone numbers or the receivers of the calls, gives the personal codes to the use of another person, or uses the personal codes of another person

9 § Sending post

If a prisoner tries to carry or gives another prisoner for the purpose of carrying a letter or other postal item or a message pass the inspection of the prison post, the prisoner may be imposed to disciplinary punishment.

10 § Smoking and cleanliness

Smoking is forbidden anywhere else than outside. A disciplinary punishment may be imposed on a prisoner for acting against this rule.

The order of the furniture in the cell cannot be changed without the permission of an official of the Prison and Probation Service. All goods must be stored in the cabinets and other storage places.

Pictures, posters, and other objects may only be attached to the notice board hung on the wall in the cell. A disciplinary punishment may be imposed on a prisoner for attaching objects elsewhere in the cell.

Electrical devices must be switched off when leaving the cell.

11 § Possession of property

11.1 § Articles and substances not given into the prisoner's possession

According to chapter 9, section 1, subsection 1, paragraph 1 of the Imprisonment Act (chapter 5, section 1, subsection 1, paragraph 1 of the Remand Imprisonment Act), the possession of an object or substance may be denied if it poses a threat to

the safety of a person. Besides firearms, edged weapons, blunt instruments, explosives and gas sprays, such objects and substances include also, among others, poisons and aerosol products with propellant gas. In addition, substances posing a threat include chemical compounds that can be used to make explosives, such as hair dyes containing hydrogen peroxide.

According to chapter 9, section 1, subsection 1, paragraph 2 of the Imprisonment Act (chapter 5, section 1, subsection 1, paragraph 2 of the Remand Imprisonment Act), the possession of an object or substance may be denied if it is especially suited for damaging property. These include, among others, tools suitable for damaging property.

According to chapter 9, section 1, subsection 1, paragraph 3 of the Imprisonment Act (chapter 5, section 1, subsection 1, paragraph 3 of the Remand Imprisonment Act), the possession of an object or substance may be denied if the possession of it is, when taking into account the conditions and the level of supervision in the prison or a prison ward, detrimental to general prison order. These include, among others, the following:

1) Devices that are suitable for recording information. These include, among others, computers, cameras, video cameras, MP3 players, and some game consoles. Separate memory devices and devices containing hard drives are prohibited.

2) Devices that enable communication via electronic communication. These include, among others, computers, mobile phones, and some game consoles. Objects used for establishing electronic connection and objects the use of which is closely connected to the devices used for electronic communication are also prohibited.

3) Devices that are suitable for intercepting and monitoring the radio traffic of authorities or otherwise observing the activities of authorities. These include,

among others, radiotelephones and radio traffic detectors. Binoculars and other optical devices suitable for observation are also forbidden.

4) Objects and substances that can cause a cleanliness, health, or fire hazard. These include, among others, tobacco products, lighters, tattoo equipment, animals, plants and candles.

5) Objects that are otherwise detrimental to the public order of the prison. These include, among others, objects used for fighting and escaping, replica weapons, and objects bearing the symbols of criminal organisations and groups.

According to chapter 9, section 1, subsection 1, paragraph 4 of the Imprisonment Act (chapter 5, section 1, subsection 1, paragraph 4 of the Remand Imprisonment Act), the possession of an object or substance may be denied if it cannot be inspected without unreasonable difficulty or without damaging it. These include, among others, hygiene and cosmetics products, foodstuffs, and tobacco products that are brought from outside the prison. If prisoners take these products with them outside the prison, the products will not be given back into their possession when they return to the prison. The structure of the objects that are given into the possession of prisoners must be such that they are not suitable for concealing prohibited objects or substances.

According to chapter 9, section 1, subsection 1, paragraph 5 of the Imprisonment Act (chapter 5, section 1, subsection 1, paragraph 5 of the Remand Imprisonment Act), the possession of an object or substance may be denied if it is used as a means of commission of an offence or there are reasonable grounds to suspect that it will be used as such. This may refer to, for instance, a situation where a prisoner uses a typewriter, which is in the prisoner's possession, to falsify documents or commit frauds.

According to chapter 9, section 1, subsection 1, paragraph 6 of the Imprisonment Act (chapter 5, section 1, subsection 1, paragraph 6 of the Remand Imprisonment

Act), the possession of an object or substance may be denied if the prison has acquired a corresponding object for the use of the prisoner. These include, among others, objects already belonging to the furnishing of the accommodation room and other objects acquired by the prison for the use of prisoners if the prisoner has a real opportunity to use the object. A disciplinary punishment may be imposed on a prisoner if the aforementioned objects or substances are found in the prisoner's possession.

11.2 § Other factors influencing the possession of objects or substances

Prisoners are only allowed to have a reasonable amount of private property in their possession. The amount of utility articles given into their possession must be such that they can be stored in the storage spaces of the cell in places reserved for them.

The prerequisites for the possession of an electrical device are that the device is type approved (CE marking), it is intact, and has an identification number.

The seals attached to the device during an inspection may not be removed or damaged. A disciplinary punishment may be imposed on a prisoner for removing or damaging the seals.

Modifying authorised objects so that they are more suitable for being used for acts of violence is prohibited. This refers to, for example, making an article suitable as a blunt weapon or sharpening a toothbrush. A disciplinary punishment may be imposed on a prisoner if such objects are found in the prisoner's possession.

A disciplinary punishment may be imposed on a prisoner if the prisoner tries to bring unauthorised goods to a prison and avoid an inspection.

A maximum of 50 copies of all recordings (including CD, DVD, Blu-ray and game console games), 20 copies of books, and 30 copies of magazines are given into possession at a time.

The rules on the possession of property do not apply to objects and substances that have been given in the possession of a prisoner before the prison rules entered into force. If a prisoner is transferred to another prison, the prison rules in force there at the time of the transfer are applied.

12 § Prison wards

Travel cell ward is for arriving prisoners and prisoners placed for a short term. Prisoners must inform the staff of their need to use the telephone.

Isolation and disciplinary ward is for prisoners accommodated separately, segregated for reasons related to an investigation, or placed in solitary confinement. Prisoners must inform the staff of their need to use the telephone.

Accommodation wards 1 ITÄ and 1 LÄNSI are for male prisoners whose communications are restricted. Prisoners must inform the staff of their need to use the telephone.

Accommodation ward NO 3 is for female prisoners whose communications are restricted. Prisoners must inform the staff of their need to use the telephone.

Accommodation ward 2 LÄNSI is for male sentenced prisoners. The telephone can be used at times specified in the daily schedule of the ward.

Accommodation ward 2 ITÄ is for male remand prisoners. The telephone can be used at times specified in the daily schedule of the ward.

Accommodation wards 3 ITÄ and 3 LÄNSI are for male remand prisoners. The telephone can be used at times specified in the daily schedule of the ward.

Accommodation ward UP YLÄ 4 is for female prisoners. Female remand prisoners can also be placed in the ward in order to participate in activities. In this ward, the telephone can be used every day between 7.00 and 20.00.

Accommodation ward UP YLÄ 11 is a substance-free contract ward for male remand prisoners. In this ward, the telephone can be used every day between 7.00 and 20.00.

Accommodation ward UP ALA 7 for male remand prisoners. In this ward, the telephone can be used every day between 7.00 and 20.00.

Accommodation ward UP ALA 4 for male sentenced prisoners. In this ward, the telephone can be used every day between 7.00 and 20.00.

Accommodation ward UP ALA 3 for female remand prisoners. In this ward, the telephone can be used every day between 7.00 and 20.00.

13 § Substance use and medication

A disciplinary punishment may be imposed for manipulating or attempting to manipulate a substance use test.

Prisoners are not allowed to use or possess medication without the authorisation of a physician of the Health Care Services for Prisoners. Medication must be kept in the pill dispensers or bags meant for them or other original packaging.

Unused medication must be returned. Prisoners are not allowed to give medication prescribed to them to other prisoners. A disciplinary punishment may be imposed for violating these rules.

14 § Entry into force

This prison order enters into force on 4 September 2023 and repeals the prison order that entered into force on 20 April 2022.

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