

Organisation and Responsibilities of the Ministry of Justice

The Ministry of Justice is responsible for the police service, the judiciary, the prosecution authorities, the prison and probation service, the National Council for Crime Prevention. The Ministry also handles matters relating to migration and asylum policy and civil crisis preparedness. The Ministry of Justice is responsible for legislation concerning the constitution and general administrative law, civil law, procedural law and criminal law.

Senior officials

The Ministry of Justice is headed by the Minister for Justice and Home Affairs Morgan Johansson. Minister for Migration and Deputy Minister for Justice Heléne Fritzon is also attached to the Ministry. The political staff includes the ministers' state secretaries, the political advisers and the press secretaries.

The senior officials at the Ministry also include the Director-General for Administrative Affairs, three Directors-General for Legal Affairs, the Director of Planning, the Director-General for Crisis Management, the Director-General for International Affairs, the Head of Administration, the Head of Human resources and the Head of Communications.

Below the executive level, the Ministry is divided into 19 divisions.

Division for Police Issues

The division is responsible for administrative and development issues regarding police activities in general, the Swedish Police Authority and the Swedish Security Service. The division is also responsible for monitoring and developing international police cooperation and issues relating to international civilian crisis management.

Division for Prosecution Issues

The division is responsible for the Swedish Prosecution Authority, the Swedish National Economic Crimes Bureau, the National Board of Forensic Medicine, the Office of the Chancellor of Justice, the Data Inspection Board and the Swedish Commission on Security and Integrity Protection. The division is answerable for the prosecution authorities, preliminary investigations and coercive

measures in criminal cases, as well as young offenders.

Division for Procedural Law and Court Issues

The division is responsible for matters relating to procedural law, courts, judges, lawyers (members of the Swedish Bar Association), legal aid and service of documents. It processes legislative matters, EU and other international matters in the procedural law area, and administrative matters associated with the courts. It is also responsible for administrative and development matters relating to the Swedish courts, the Judges Proposals Board, the Entailed Property Board, the Swedish Gene Technology Advisory Board, the Supervisory Board of Public Accountants and the Road Traffic Injuries Commission.

Division for Crime Policy

The division is responsible for administrative and development issues concerning crime policy in general, crime prevention issues, crime victim issues, the Swedish Prison and Probation Service, the Swedish National Council for Crime Prevention and the Swedish Crime Victim Compensation and Support Authority. The division is also responsible for joint development issues for the judicial system and coordination of issues that involve more than one part of the judicial system.

In addition, the division is responsible for administration and development of information management and IT-related operational development with regard to the judicial system, the public legal information system, and other overall issues concerning information management in the Ministry of Justice's area of activity. The division is also responsible for coordination of work on gender mainstreaming within the Ministry of Justice's area of activity.

Division for Criminal Cases and International Judicial Cooperation

The division is responsible for issues relating to international judicial cooperation in criminal matters, e.g., extradition, European arrest warrant, mutual legal assistance, mutual recognition and enforcement of sentences and coercive measures, etc. This includes responsibility for legislation and for international negotiations within e.g. the EU, the Council of Europe and the UN. The

division is Sweden's Central Authority for international judicial cooperation and assists Swedish and foreign authorities in this area. The Central Authority receives, reviews and forwards requests to and from Sweden concerning international cooperation in the areas of criminal and civil law. The division also prepares government decisions in such matters and matters relating to pardons in criminal cases.

Division for Crisis Preparedness

The division is responsible for coordination and development issues for strengthening and monitoring society's emergency preparedness and civil defence, together with administrative and development issues relating to protection against accidents, alarm services and hazardous substances (CBRNE).

The division's responsibilities include: 112 alarm agreement, rescue services, maritime surveillance and marine environmental emergency response, information security, psychological defence, preparedness of municipalities, county councils and government agencies, transport of hazardous goods, inflammable and explosive products, preparedness for chemicals accidents, major industrial accidents and other chemical, biological, radiological or nuclear events, EU and international civilian missions, coordination of matters concerning civilian voluntary defence organisations, radio communications system for protection and security (RAKEL), investigation of accidents. Government agencies and other bodies in the division's area:

the Swedish Coast Guard, the Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency, the Swedish Accident Investigation Board and Gällöfsta Training Centre Foundation.

Division for Real Estate and Company Law

The division is responsible for issues relating to real estate and company law and for legislation in the following areas: the Land Code, the Expropriation Act, the Tenant Ownership Act, the Tenancy Bargaining Act, the Swedish Companies Act, the Cooperative Societies Act, the Partnership and Non-registered Partnership Act, the Accounting Act, the Annual Reports Act, the Auditing Act, and the Act on the protection of Trade Secrets.

Division for Family Law and the Law of Contracts, Torts and Personal Property

The division is responsible for legislation in the field of family law and the law of contracts, torts and personal property. This includes the Marriage Code, the Children and Parents Code, the Inheritance Code, the Cohabitees Act, the Names Act, the Tort Liability Act, the Criminal Injuries Compensation Act, the Insurance Contracts Act, the Contracts Act, the Consumer Sales Act, the Consumer Services Act, the Bankruptcy Act, the Debt Relief Act, the Company Reconstruction Act and the Debt Enforcement Code. In addition, the division handles EU matters, other international matters and administrative matters in these areas.

Division for Intellectual Property and Transport Law

The division is responsible for legislation in the field of intellectual property and transport law. This includes copyright, patents, trademarks, trade names, designs, shipping, aviation, rail traffic and road traffic. The division is also responsible for negotiations being conducted in these areas, both at EU level and globally.

Division for Legislation on Public Order and Safety and Crisis Preparedness

The division is responsible for legislative matters relating to public order and safety, such as police activities, international police cooperation, weapons, security protection and passports. The division is also responsible for legislation in the field of civil preparedness and civil defence. In addition, the division is responsible for administrative matters connected with the Act concerning Special Controls in Respect of Aliens.

Division for Criminal Law

The division is responsible for legislation relating to central matters of criminal law, especially the Penal Code, and legislation on penal care and victims of crime. A large part of the division's activities has to do with cooperation on substantive criminal law in the EU and internationally, including in the Council of Europe and the United Nations.

Division for Constitutional Law

The division is responsible for legislative matters relating in particular to the Swedish Constitution, the Elections Act, the Public Access to Information and Secrecy Act, the Personal Data Act, the Administrative Procedure Act and the Public Camera Surveillance Act. The division also handles EU matters, other international matters and administrative business in these areas of legislation, and has a coordinating function at the Ministry of Justice for matters relating to cases in the European Court of Human Rights and review by the Committee on the Constitution.

Division for Migration Law

The division is responsible for legislative matters relating to migration law, Swedish citizenship and certain border control issues. The division's responsibilities include the Aliens Act, the Reception of Asylum Seekers and Others Act, the Health and Medical Care for Asylum Seekers and Others Act, the Act on the right to pay and other remuneration for work performed by an alien who is not entitled to stay in Sweden, the Passenger Name Record Act, the Act on the transit of third-country nationals and the Swedish Citizenship Act.

Division for Migration and Asylum Policy

The division is responsible for matters relating to international cooperation on migration policy, refugee policy issues, immigration to Sweden, asylum and other grounds that entitle

foreign nationals to reside in Sweden, and Swedish citizenship.

Division for Management of Migration Affairs

The division is responsible for financial control and follow-up in the migration area. It has authority over the Swedish Migration Agency and coordinates budget work in expenditure area 8 Migration. The division is also responsible for matters relating to the reception of applicants for asylum, in accordance with the Reception of Asylum Seekers and Others Act.

Division for EU Affairs

The Division for EU Affairs is responsible for co-ordinating the EU work at the Ministry. Its tasks include preparation for meetings of the Justice and Home Affairs Council and Coreper, the Coordination Committee on police and judicial cooperation in criminal matters (CATS) and the Strategic Committee on Immigration, Frontiers and Asylum (SCIFA). The division is also responsible for analysing the developments of EU law and coordinates the internal preparations of the Ministry's cases at the Court of Justice of the European Union. In addition, the division coordinates the political executive's international contacts, visits abroad and international meetings in Sweden. Other important components of the division's work are issues related to the EU's external relations and enlargement as well as the EU budget and its financial programmes in the area of Justice and Home Affairs. From

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the autumn 2015, the Division is also responsible for the reports to and the follow-up of views and recommendations from international Human Rights bodies in the field of torture.

Division for Management Support and Human Resources

The division is responsible for the Department's planning and follow-up, budget coordination, security, contingency measures, skills and other human resources issues as well as some support to the Department's committees.

Communications Division

The division is responsible for communications planning and provides support and advice concerning communication and press-related issues. The Communications Division

is also responsible for the Ministry's web pages on the Government's external website, intranet and social media, and handles correspondence and enquiries from the general public.

In addition, the division works on the production of information material, project management of communications initiatives and news and international monitoring.

Crisis Management Coordination Secretariat

The Government Offices has a special Director-General for Crisis Management, responsible for developing, coordinating and following up crisis management measures, and for necessary preparation for this. The Director-General and the Crisis Management Coordination Secretariat

are placed at the Ministry of Justice. The secretariat keeps a 24/7 watch on events that the Government and the Government Offices may need to respond to and can initiate crisis management operations when required. During and after a crisis, the Crisis Management Coordination Secretariat is responsible for supporting the rest of the Government Offices in its crisis management and in evaluations. The secretariat also supports the political leadership and the ministries through exercises, training courses and other measures.

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