

Key acts acts and ordinances entering into force late 2018/early 2019



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Introduction

This compilation contains a selection of the acts and ordinances – both new and amended – that enter into force in the second half of 2018 or some time thereafter.

Acts and ordinances set out the ground rules that govern our society. To enact a new law, the Government submits a legislative proposal (a government bill) to the Riksdag. After the government bill has been considered by one of the parliamentary committees, it is put to the Riksdag for approval. Once the law has been adopted, it is formally promulgated by the Government, meaning it is published and made known. The Government can adopt a new ordinance on its own, without submitting it to the Riksdag.

Acts and ordinances are published in the Swedish Code of Statutes (SFS). Each act and ordinance has a unique SFS number.

More information about government bills, acts and ordinances is available at www.lagrummet.se. The ‘Lagrummet’ portal is the public administration’s common website for legal information and contains links to legal information from the Government, the Riksdag, the courts and central government agencies.

The legislative process is described in the section ‘How Sweden is governed’ on www.government.se.

This compilation can be downloaded from www.government.se. At the time of publication, some of the acts had not yet been assigned an SFS number. This applies to numbers ending with ‘000’ (e.g. 2018:000).

Information on Swedish legislation

Lagrummet (portal in Swedish): www.lagrummet.se

The Government and Government Offices website: www.government.se

The Government Offices’ legal databases: <http://rkrattsbaser.gov.se>

The Swedish Riksdag website: www.riksdagen.se

Prime Minister's Office

The Prime Minister's Office is responsible for leading and coordinating the work of the Government Offices. The Prime Minister's Office is made up of the Prime Minister's Secretariat and the Office of the Minister for Policy Coordination and Energy. In addition, there is the Policy Coordination Secretariat, the Office of the Permanent Secretary, the Office of the Director-General for Legal Affairs, the Secretariat for Legal and Linguistic Draft Revision, and the EU Coordination Secretariat. The Office of the National Innovation Council is also placed under the Prime Minister's Office.

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There are no new acts entering into force at the beginning of 2019 in the areas for which the Prime Minister's Office is responsible.

Ministry of Employment

The Ministry of Employment is responsible for issues concerning an efficient labour market. This includes measures to get young people into work, matching, labour market policy programmes, unemployment insurance as well as issues on labour law and work environment so that everyone has the opportunity to take part in working life with good working conditions. The Ministry is also responsible for coordinating the introduction of newly arrived immigrants.

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New responsibility for worker wages in the contract chain

New act: Lag (2018:1472) om entreprenörsansvar för lönefordringar

Amendment: Lagen (1999:678) om utstationering av arbetstagare

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2017/18:214 Ett entreprenörsansvar för lönefordringar i bygg- och anläggningsbranschen

SFS: 2018:1472–1473

Entry into force: 1 January 2019

Amendments resulting from ratification of the International Labour Organisation (ILO) Domestic Workers Convention

Amendment: Lagen (1970:943) om arbetstid m.m. i husligt arbete

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2017/18:272 ILO:s konvention om anständiga arbetsvillkor för hushållsarbetare

SFS: 2018:1719

Entry into force: 1 March 2019

Ministry of Finance

The Ministry of Finance is responsible for issues concerning central government finances, including coordination of the central government budget, forecasts and analyses, tax issues, and management and administration of central government activities. The Ministry is also responsible for matters concerning financial markets and consumer legislation.

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Supplementary provisions to the EU Regulation on Benchmarks

New act: Lag (2018:000) med kompletterande bestämmelser till EU:s förordning om referensvärden

Amendments: Lagen om värdepappersfonder (2004:46), konsumentkreditlagen (2010:1846) and other acts and ordinances

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2018/19:4 Kompletterande bestämmelser till EU:s förordning om referensvärden

SFS: 2018:000, 2018:000, 2018:000, 2018:000 and 2018:000

Entry into force: 1 January 2019

New rules on the obligation of public officials to report holdings of financial instruments

New act: Lagen (2018:1625) om skyldighet för vissa offentliga funktionärer att anmäla innehav av finansiella instrument

New ordinance: Förordningen (2018:000) om skyldighet för vissa offentliga funktionärer att anmäla innehav av finansiella instrument

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2017/18:263 Skyldighet för vissa offentliga funktionärer anmäla innehav av finansiella instrument (bet. 2018/19:FiU7, rskr. 2018/19:1)

SFS: 2018:1625 and 2018:000

Entry into force: 1 January 2019

Licence requirement for gambling for money

New acts: Spellagen (2018:1138), lagen (2018:1139) om skatt på spel

New ordinance: Spelförordningen (2018:1475)

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2017/18:220 En omreglerad spelmarknad

SFS: 2018:1138, 2018:1139 and 2018:1475

Entry into force: 1 January 2019

Increased access to digital public services

New act: Lag (2018:1937) om tillgänglighet till digital offentlig service

New ordinance: Förordning (2018:1938) om tillgänglighet till digital offentlig service

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2017/18:299 Genomförande av webbtillgänglighetsdirektivet

SFS: 2018:1937 and 2018:1938

Entry into force: 1 January 2019

New corporate tax rules

Amendments: Kupongskattelagen (1970:624), inkomstskattelagen (1999:1229) and skatteförfarandelagen (2011:1244)

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2017/18:245

SFS: 2018:1205, 2018:1206 and 2018:1207

Entry into force: 1 January 2019

Amended income tax rules in connection with re-regulation of the gambling market

Amendment: Inkomstskattelagen (1999:1229)

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2017/18:220 En omreglerad spelmarknad

SFS: 2018:1143

Entry into force: 1 January 2019

Tax cuts for people over the age of 65

Amendment: Income Tax Act (1999:1229)

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2018/19:1 Budgetpropositionen för 2019 (volym 1, avsnitt 6.1) and Moderaternas och Kristdemokraternas reservation 5 under punkt 2 till Finansutskottets betänkande 2018/19:FiU1 (rskr. 2018/19:62)

SFS: 2018:000

Entry into force: 1 January 2019

Higher income thresholds

Amendment: Income Tax Act (1999:1229)

Basis for decision: Moderaternas och Kristdemokraternas reservation 5 under punkt 2 till Finansutskottets betänkande 2018/19:FiU1 (rskr. 2018/19:62)

SFS: 2018:000

Entry into force: 1 January 2019

Expanded earned income tax credit

Amendments: Inkomstskattelagen (1999:1229)

Basis for decision: Moderaternas och Kristdemokraternas reservation 5 under punkt 2 till Finansutskottets betänkande 2018/19:FiU1 (rskr. 2018/19:62)

SFS: 2018:000

Entry into force: 1 January 2019

Increased protection for persons who are threatened or persecuted

Amendments: Folkbokföringslagen (1991:481), tandvårdslagen (1985:125), lagen (1990:52) med särskilda bestämmelser om vård av unga, lagen (1991:483) om fingerade personuppgifter, socialtjänstlagen (2001:453), offentlighets- och sekretesslagen (2009:400), skollagen (2010:800), lagen (2013:514) om landstingens och kommunernas kostnadsansvar för viss vård i utlandet, hälso- och sjukvårdslagen (2017:30), folkbokföringsförordningen (1991:749)

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2017/18:145 Ökat skydd för hotade och förföljda personer samt några åtgärder för att öka kvaliteten i folkbokföringen (bet. 2017/18:SkU19, rskr. 2017/18:317)

SFS: 2018:684–687, 2018:690–694 and 2018:1591

Entry into force: 1 January 2019

New register statutes for Swedish Customs and the Swedish Tax Agency

New acts: Lag (2018:1694) om Tullverkets behandling av personuppgifter inom brottsdatalagens område, lag (2018:1696) om Skatteverkets behandling av personuppgifter inom brottsdatalagens område

New ordinances: Förordning (2018:1876) om Tullverkets behandling av personuppgifter inom brottsdatalagens område, förordning (2018:1877) om Skatteverkets behandling av personuppgifter inom brottsdatalagens område

Amendments: Lag (1996:701) om Tullverkets befogenheter vid Sveriges gräns mot ett annat land inom Europeiska unionen, lag (2001:185) om behandling av uppgifter i Tullverkets verksamhet, tullagen (2016:253), folkbokföringsförordningen (1991:749)

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2017/18:269 Brottsdatalag – kompletterande lagstiftning

SFS: 2018:1694, 2018:1696, 2018:1703, 2018:1705, 2018:1713, 2018:1876, 2018:1877 and 2018:1878

Entry into force: 1 January 2019

Data at individual level in employers' monthly tax returns

Amendments: Skatteförfarandelagen (2011:1244), lagen (2001:181) om behandling av uppgifter i Skatteverkets beskattningsverksamhet och lagen (1984:533) om arbetsställenummer m.m., skatteförfarandeförordningen (2011:1261)

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2016/17:58 Uppgifter på individnivå i arbetsgivardeklarationen (bet. 2016/17:SkU21, rskr 2016/17:256)

SFS: 2017:387 and 2017:390

Entry into force: 1 July 2018

New type of tax liability in the chemicals tax

Amendments: Lagen (2016:1067) om skatt på kemikalier i viss elektronik, förordningen (2017:214) om skatt på kemikalier i viss elektronik, förordningen (1999:1134) om belastningsregister

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2017/18:294 Vissa kontrollfrågor och andra frågor på punktskatteområdet.

SFS: 2018:1891

Entry into force: 1 January 2019

Clearer rules for passengers who transport taxed alcohol and tobacco goods on behalf of another party from another EU country

Amendment: Lagen (1998:506) om punktskattekontroll av transporter m.m. av alkoholvaror, tobaksvaror och energiprodukter

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2017/18:294 Vissa kontrollfrågor och andra frågor på punktskatteområdet.

SFS: 2018:1888

Entry into force: 1 January 2019

Amended value-added tax rules for telecommunications services, radio and TV broadcasts, and electronic services

Amendments: Mervärdesskattelagen (1994:200), lagen (2011:1245) om särskilda ordningar för mervärdesskatt för telekommunikationstjänster, radio- och tv-sändningar och elektroniska tjänster, förordning (2011:1262) om särskilda ordningar för telekommunikationstjänster, radio- och tv-sändningar och elektroniska tjänster

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2017/18:295 Ändrade mervärdesskatteregler för telekommunikationstjänster, radio- och tv-sändningar och elektroniska tjänster

SFS: 2018:1868, 2018:1869 and 2018:1870

Entry into force: 1 January 2019

Ministry of Defence

The Ministry of Defence is responsible for Sweden's military defence and its support agencies. Its strategic planning includes international operations and security-building activities, which the agencies are instructed to implement and follow up.

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Establishment of headquarters for the branches of the Armed Forces

Amendment: Förordningen (2007:1266) med instruktion för Försvarmakten

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2018/19:18 Inrättande av försvarsgrensstaber

SFS: 2018:000

Entry into force: 1 January 2019

New division of responsibilities between the Armed Forces and the Defence Materiel Administration regarding defence logistics

Amendments: Förordningen (2007:854) med instruktion för Försvarets materielverk and förordningen (2007:1266) med instruktion för Försvarmakten

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2017/18:1 Budgetpropositionen för 2018, SOU 2016:88 and Ds 2018:14

SFS: 2018:000 and 2018:000

Entry into force: 1 January 2019

Ministry of Justice

The Ministry of Justice prepares legislation in a range of different areas, including constitutional and administrative law, civil law, procedural law, criminal law, and migration and asylum law. The acts and ordinances in this compilation reflect the scope of the Ministry's area of responsibility.

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Amended fundamental laws relating to the media

Amendments: Tryckfrihetsförordningen, yttrandefrihetsgrundlagen and lagen (1991:1559) med föreskrifter på tryckfrihetsförordningens och yttrandefrihetsgrundlagens områden

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2017/18:49 Ändrade mediegrundlagar (bet. 2017/18:KU16, rskr. 2017/18:336, bet. 2018/19:KU2, rskr. 2018/19:16)

SFS: 2018:1801–1803

Entry into force: 1 January 2019

Consequential amendments to the amended fundamental laws relating to the media

Amendments: A number of acts and ordinances will be amended as a result of amendments to the Freedom of the Press Act and the Fundamental Law on Freedom of Expression

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2017/18:260 Följdändringar till ändrade mediegrundlagar and Ds 2017:57 Följdändringar till ändrade mediegrundlagar

SFS: 2018:1908–1930

Entry into force: 1 January 2019

Strengthened protection for voting secrecy

Amendment: Vallagen (2005:837)

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2017/18:286 Stärkt skydd för valhemligheten

SFS: 2018:1969

Entry into force: 1 January 2019

Modernised rules on assisted reproduction and parenthood

Amendments: Föräldrabalken and other acts and ordinances

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2017/18:155 Modernare regler om assisterad befruktning och föräldraskap

SFS: 2018:1279–1280 and 2018:1282–1284

Entry into force: 1 January 2019

New rules on prohibiting recognition of child marriages contracted abroad

Amendment: Lagen (1904:26 s. 1) om vissa internationella rättsförhållanden rörande äktenskap och förmynderskap

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2017/18:288 Förbud mot erkännande av utländska barnäktenskap

SFS: 2018:1973

Entry into force: 1 January 2019

Repayment of membership contributions in work cooperatives

Amendments: Lagen (2018:672) om ekonomiska föreningar, inkomstskattelagen (1999:1229) and other acts

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2017/18:253 Återbetalning av medlemsinsatser i arbetskooperativ

SFS: 2018:1160–1165

Entry into force: 1 January 2019

Modernised trademark rules

Amendments: Varumärkeslagen (2010:1877), varumärkesförordningen (2011:594)

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2017/18:267 Modernare regler om varumärken och en ny lag om företagsnamn

SFS: 2018:1652 and 2018:1840

Entry into force: 1 January 2019

New act on company names

New act: Lag om företagsnamn

Amendments: Consequential amendments to a number of acts and ordinances

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2017/18:267 Modernare regler om varumärken och en ny lag om företagsnamn

SFS: 2018:1653, 2018:1655–1692, 2018:1754 and 2018:1805–1853

Entry into force: 1 January 2019

Protection for names of agricultural products and foodstuffs

New act: Lag om skydd för beteckningar på jordbruksprodukter och livsmedel

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2017/18:267 Modernare regler om varumärken och en ny lag om företagsnamn

SFS: 2018:1654

Entry into force: 1 January 2019

Obligation to provide information on the reception of chemicals

New act: Lagen om den internationella fonden för farliga och skadliga ämnen

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2017/18:268 Skadeståndsansvar vid sjötransport av farliga och skadliga ämnen

SFS: 2018:1854

Entry into force: 1 January 2019

New register statutes for authorities in the judicial chain

New acts: Lag (2018:1693) om polisens behandling av personuppgifter inom brottsdatalagens område, lag (2018:1695) om Kustbevakningens behandling av personuppgifter inom brottsdatalagens område, lag (2018:1697) om åklagarväsendets behandling av personuppgifter inom brottsdatalagens område, lag (2018:1698) om domstolarnas behandling av personuppgifter inom brottsdatalagens område, lag (2018:1699) om kriminalvårdens behandling av personuppgifter inom brottsdatalagens område

New ordinances: Förordning (2018:1942) om polisens behandling av personuppgifter inom brottsdatalagens område, förordning (2018:1943) om Kustbevakningens behandling av personuppgifter inom brottsdatalagens område, förordning (2018:1738) om åklagarväsendets behandling av personuppgifter inom brottsdatalagens område, förordning (2018:1741) om domstolarnas behandling av personuppgifter inom brottsdatalagens område, förordning (2018:1746) om kriminalvårdens behandling av personuppgifter inom brottsdatalagens område, förordning (2018:1747) om viss underrättelseskyldighet för Kriminalvården

Amendments: Offentlighets- och sekretesslagen (2009:400) and other acts and ordinances

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2017/18:269 Brottsdatalag – kompletterande lagstiftning

SFS: 2018:1693, 2018:1695, 2018:1697–1699, 2018:1738, 2018:1741, 2018:1746–1747 and 2018:1942–1943

Entry into force: 1 January 2019

Reinforced protection for personal privacy

Amendment: Brottsbalken

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2016/17:222 Ett starkt straffrättsligt skydd för den personliga integriteten

SFS: 2018:1745

Entry into force: 1 January 2019

Expanded criminal law protection for transgender people

Amendment: Brottsbalken

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2017/18:59 Ett utvidgat straffrättsligt skydd för transpersoner

SFS: 2018:1744

Entry into force: 1 January 2019

Modernised Arbitration Act

Amendments: Lagen (1999:116) om skiljeförfarande och utsökningsbalken

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2017/18:257 En modernisering av lagen om skiljeförfarande

SFS: 2018:000

Entry into force: 1 March 2019

Enhanced legal certainty in administrative courts

Amendments: Lagen (1971:289) om allmänna förvaltningsdomstolar, förvaltningsprocesslagen (1971:291) and other acts

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2017/18:279 Stärkt rättssäkerhet i de allmänna förvaltningsdomstolarna

SFS: 2018:1959–1964

Entry into force: 1 March 2019

Modern and enhanced protection for Sweden's security

New act: Säkerhetsskyddslagen (2018:585)

New ordinance: Säkerhetsskyddsförordningen (2018:658)

Amendments: Offentlighets- och sekretesslagen (2009:400) and other acts and ordinances

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2017/18:89 Ett modernt och stärkt skydd för Sveriges säkerhet – ny säkerhetsskyddslag

SFS: 2018:585 and 2018:658
Entry into force: 1 April 2019

Ministry of Culture

The Ministry of Culture is responsible for issues concerning culture, media, democracy, human rights at national level, the national minorities, and the language and culture of the Sami people. The Ministry is also responsible for anti-discrimination work and issues concerning civil society, faith communities, and burial and cremation services.

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Enhanced minority policy

Amendment: Lag om ändring i lagen (2009:724) om nationella minoriteter och minoritetsspråk

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2017/18:199 – En stärkt minoritetspolitik

SFS: 2018:1367

Entry into force: 1 January 2019

New financing of public service broadcasting

New act: Lag (2018:000) om finansiering av radio och tv i allmänhetens tjänst

New ordinance: Förordning (2018:000) om finansiering av radio och tv i allmänhetens tjänst

Amendments: Radio- och tv-lagen (2010:696), skatteförfarandelagen (2011:1244) and other acts and ordinances

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2017/18:261 Långsiktig finansiering och stärkt oberoende för public service

SFS: 2018:1893–1900

Entry into force: 1 January 2019

New media subsidies, extended press subsidies and name change for the Press Subsidies Council

New ordinance: Mediestödsförordning

Amendments: Presstödsförordningen, Instruktionen för Myndigheten för press, radio och tv

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2017/18:154 Journalistik i hela landet

SFS: 2018:1729–1730 and 2018:000

Entry into force: 1 January 2019 regarding press subsidies and the name change,
and 1 February 2019 regarding media subsidies

Ministry of the Environment and Energy

The Ministry of the Environment and Energy is responsible for issues concerning reduced climate emissions, sustainable urban development, a toxin-free everyday environment, sustainable energy use and initiatives aimed at strengthening biodiversity on land and in water. The Ministry is also responsible for issues concerning ecocycles and waste, radiation safety, protection and management of valuable natural habitats, and international environmental and energy cooperation.

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Increased liability for nuclear power plant owners in the event of nuclear accidents

Amendment: Atomansvarighetslagen (1968:45)

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2017/18:244 Ett ökat skadeståndsansvar och skärpta försäkringskrav för reaktorinnehavare

SFS: 2018:1323

Entry into force: 1 January 2019

No obligation for pharmacy agents to accept waste pharmaceuticals

Amendment: Förordningen (2009:1031) om producentansvar för läkemedel

SFS: 2018:1111

Entry into force: 1 January 2019

Environmental permits for hydroelectric power plants to be reviewed according to a national plan that weighs improved water environments against access to hydroelectric power

Amendment: Miljöbalken and other acts

Basis for decision: Proposition 2017/18:243 Vattenmiljö och vattenkraft

SFS: 2018:1407–1409, 2018:1412, 2018:1415, 2018:1416, 2018:1418–1422 and 2018:1424

Entry into force: 1 January 2019

Structured climate adaptation efforts by public authorities

New ordinance: Förordning om myndigheters klimatanpassningsarbete

SFS: 2018:1428

Entry into force: 1 January 2019

More accessible collection of packaging and recycled paper

New ordinances: Förordningen om producentansvar för förpackningar, förordningen om producentansvar för returpapper, and other ordinances

SFS: 2018:1462–1466 and 2018:1469

Entry into force: 1 January 2019

Clearer electricity market rules

Amendments: Ellagen (1997:857), lagen (2011:710) om certifiering av stamnätsföretag för el, förordningen (1999:716) om mätning, beräkning och rapportering av överförd el, and other ordinances

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2017/18:237 Elmarknadsfrågor

SFS: 2018:1448, 2018:1449 and 2018:1581–1585

Entry into force: 1 January 2019

Reduced opportunities for electricity network operators to increase electricity network fees

New ordinance: Förordning om intäktsram för elnätsverksamhet

SFS: 2018:1520

Entry into force: 1 January 2019

Adjusted quota for calculating the 2019 quota obligation

Amendment: Förordningen (2011:1480) om elcertifikat

SFS: 2018:1429

Entry into force: 1 January 2019

Clearer allocation of responsibilities in efforts targeting invasive alien species

New ordinance: Förordningen om invasiva främmande arter

Amendments: Miljötillsynsförordningen (2011:13) and förordningen (1998:940) om avgifter vid prövning och tillsyn enligt miljöbalken

SFS: 2018:1939–1941

Entry into force: 1 January 2019

Applications on using mercury in products and manufacturing processes to be sent to and processed by the Swedish Chemicals Agency

Amendment: Förordningen (2008:245) om kemiska produkter och biotekniska organismer

SFS: 2018:1988

Entry into force: 1 January 2019

Swedish Chemicals Agency to monitor compliance with the ban on microplastics in cosmetic products

Amendment: Miljötillsynsförordningen (2011:13)

SFS: 2018:1804

Entry into force: 1 January 2019

Amended regulations for waste management operations

Amendments: Avfallsförordningen (2011:927) and other ordinances

SFS: 2018:2003–2007

Entry into force: 1 January 2019

Ministry of Enterprise and Innovation

The Ministry of Enterprise and Innovation is responsible for matters concerning housing and construction, state-owned companies, digital development policy, the business sector, rural areas, food, regional growth, postal issues, and transport and infrastructure.

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Digital collection of data from companies

New ordinance: Förordning (2018:1264) om digitalt inhämtande av uppgifter från företag

SFS: 2018:1264

Entry into force: 1 October 2018

Reduced fee for permits, advance notification and registration

Amendment: Plan- och bygglagen (2010:900)

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2017/18:210 Reduktion av avgift för lov, förhandsbesked och anmälan

SFS: 2018:1136

Entry into force: 1 January 2019

Clearer and simpler detailed development plan requirements

Amendment: Plan- och bygglagen (2010:900)

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2017/18:167 Ett tydligare och enklare detaljplanekrav

SFS: 2018:1325

Entry into force: 1 January 2019

New regional planning

Amendment: Plan- och bygglagen (2010:900)

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2017/18:266 En ny regional planering

SFS: 2018:1732

Entry into force: 1 January 2019

Support to innovation clusters for development and use of liquefied biogas

New ordinance: Förordning (2018:1545) om stöd för utveckling och användning av flytande biogas

SFS: 2018:1545

Entry into force: 1 October 2018

Support to innovation clusters for the development and use of ethanol in heavy vehicles

New ordinance: Förordning (2018:1720) om stöd för utveckling och användning av etanol i tung trafik

SFS: 2018:1720

Entry into force: 15 December 2018

Amended regulations for pedestrians on a shared pedestrian and cycle path

Amendment: Trafikförordningen (1998:1276)

Basis for decision: Promemorian 'Cykelregler'

SFS: 2018:1559

Entry into force: 15 October 2018

Possibility for municipalities to apply for funds to scrap vehicles registered to 'straw men'

New ordinance: Förordning (2018:1594) om bidrag till kommuner för kostnader för flyttning, uppställning och skrotning av vissa fordon

Basis for decision: PM till förslag till förordning om stöd till kommuner för kostnader avseende flyttning, uppställning och skrotning av vissa fordon

SFS: 2018:1594

Entry into force: 15 November 2018

Eco-bonus scheme for shipping

New ordinance: Förordning (2018:1867) om miljökompensation för överflyttning av godstransporter från väg till sjöfart

Basis for decision: Trafikanalys rapport Eco-bonus för sjöfartslutredovisning, från maj 2017

SFS: 2018:1867

Entry into force: 17 December 2018

New regulations regarding food, animal feed and animal by-products

Amendments: Livsmedelslagen (2006:804), lagen (2006:805) om foder och animaliska biprodukter, livsmedelsförordningen (2006:813) and förordningen (2006:814) om foder och animaliska biprodukter

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2017/18:165 Effektivare sanktioner i livsmedelskedjan

SFS: 2018:644, 2018:645, 2018:1643 and 2018:1644

Entry into force: 1 January 2019

Ban on elephants and sea lions at circuses

Amendment: Djurskyddsförordningen (1988:539)

SFS: 2018:1204

Entry into force: 1 January 2019

New Animal Welfare Act to ensure good animal welfare

New act: Djurskyddslag (2018:1192)

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2017/18:147 Ny djurskyddslag

SFS: 2018:1192

Entry into force: 1 April 2019

Ministry of Health and Social Affairs

The Ministry of Health and Social Affairs is responsible for issues concerning social welfare, including health promotion and ensuring that sick people receive the care they need. They cover insurance schemes so that people have financial security when they are sick, elderly or when their children are young. Other issues include care of people with social difficulties, people with disabilities and the elderly. In addition, the Ministry works on sports issues, the rights of children and people with disabilities, and gender equality.

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Enhanced legal certainty when implementing special powers at special youth homes and LVM homes

New act: Lag (2018:649) om förbud mot innehav av berusningsmedel m.m. vid hem för vård eller boende

Amendments: Lag (1988:870) om vård av missbrukare i vissa fall, lag (1990:52) med särskilda bestämmelser om vård av unga

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2017/18:169 Stärkt rättssäkerhet vid genomförande av särskilda befogenheter på särskilda ungdomshem och LVM-hem

SFS: 2018:649–654

Entry into force: 1 October 2018

Expanded protective provisions for the sickness benefit qualifying income

Amendment: Förordningen (2000:1418) om tillämpningen av vissa skyddsbestämmelser för sjukpenninggrundande inkomst

SFS: 2018:1516

Entry into force: 1 November 2018

Enhanced care guarantee

Amendments: Hälso- och sjukvårdslagen (2017:30), patientlagen (2014:821) and hälso- och sjukvårdsförordningen (2017:80)

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2017/18:83 Styrande principer inom hälso- och sjukvården och en förstärkt vårdgaranti

SFS: 2018:553–554 and 2018:1129

Entry into force: 1 January 2019

Standard deduction for sick days replaces qualifying day

Amendment: Socialförsäkringsbalken and lagen (1991:1047) om sjuklön

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2017/18:96 Karensavdrag – en mer rättvis självrisk

SFS: 2018:647 and 2018:648

Entry into force: 1 January 2019

Increased maintenance support for children aged 11–14

Amendment: Social Insurance Code

Beslutsunderlag: Govt Bill 2017/18:173 Ny åldersdifferentiering inom underhållsstödet

SFS: 2018:743

Entry into force: 1 January 2019

Responsibility for medical insurance investigations regulated in acts and ordinances

New act: Lag (2018:744) om försäkringsmedicinska utredningar

New ordinance: Förordning (2018:1633) om försäkringsmedicinska utredningar

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2017/18:224 Lag om försäkringsmedicinska utredningar

SFS: 2018:744 and 2018:1633

Entry into force: 1 January 2019

Quality and safety in the pharmacy market

Amendment: Lag (2009:366) om handel med läkemedel

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2017/18:157 Kvalitet och säkerhet på apoteksmarknaden

SFS: 2018:1107

Entry into force: 1 January 2019

Greater demands and expanded permit requirements for activities conducted in accordance with the Act concerning Support and Service for Persons with Certain Functional Impairments and the Social Services Act

Amendments: Lag (1993:387) om stöd och service till vissa funktionshindrade, socialtjänstlagen (2001:453) and certain amendments to förordningen (1993:1090) om stöd och service till vissa funktionshindrade and socialtjänstförordningen (2001:937)

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2017/18:158 Ökade tillståndskrav och särskilda regler för upphandling inom välfärden

SFS: 2018:1155, 2018:1156, 2018:1571 and 2018:1572

Entry into force: 1 January 2019

Childcare allowance and disability allowance replaced by the new care allowance for children with disabilities and additional cost benefit

Amendment: Socialförsäkringsbalken

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2017/19:190 Ett reformerat stöd till personer med funktionsnedsättning, bet. 2017/18:SfU23, rskr. 2017/18:388

SFS: 2018:1265

Entry into force: 1 January 2019

Expanded system of investigations regarding some deaths

Amendments: Lagen (2007:606) om utredningar avseende vissa dödsfall, lagen (2001:454) om behandling av personuppgifter inom socialtjänsten and offentlighets- och sekretesslagen (2009:400)

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2017/18:215 Utredningar för att förebygga vissa skador och dödsfall

SFS: 2018:1375–1377

Entry into force: 1 January 2019

Simpler regulations in economic policy for families

Amendment: Socialförsäkringsbalken

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2017/18:270 Regelförenklingar inom ekonomisk familjepolitik

SFS: 2018:1628

Entry into force: 1 January 2019

Clearer opportunities for municipalities to set up special housing for the elderly

Amendments: Socialtjänstlagen (2001:453) and socialtjänstförordningen (2001:937)

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2017/18:273 Biståndsbedömt trygghetsboende för äldre

SFS: 2018:1724 and 2018:1935

Entry into force: 2 April 2019

Simplified decision-making process concerning home-help services for the elderly

Amendment: Socialtjänstlagen (2001:453)

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2017/18:106

SFS: 2018:669

Entry into force: 1 July 2018

Ministry of Education and Research

The Ministry of Education and Research is responsible for the Government's education, research and youth policy. The Ministry works on issues such as school results, the provision of teachers, the introduction of newly arrived immigrants in school and living conditions for young people. It also works on issues concerning the activities of higher education institutions, research funding and student finance.

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Easier to get government funding for continuing education of teachers in Swedish as a second language and Swedish for immigrants

Amendment: Förordningen (2016:709) om statsbidrag för fortbildning av lärare när det gäller svenska som andraspråk och kommunal vuxenutbildning i svenska för invandrare

SFS: 2018:1536

Entry into force: 1 October 2018

Better use of knowledge and skills from other countries

Amendment: Förordningen (2008:1101) om högskoleutbildning som kompletterar avslutad utländsk utbildning

Basis for decision: Promemorior Kompletterande utbildning för personer med avslutad utländsk utbildning (U2018/01274/UH)

SFS: 2018:1497

Entry into force: 1 January 2019

Degree programme in dental hygiene increased to three years

Amendment: Högskoleförordningen (1993:100), bilaga 2

Basis for decision: Promemorian En treårig utbildning för tandhygienistexamen (U2018/00603/UH)

SFS: 2018:1135

Entry into force: 1 January 2019

Provisions on processing personal data for research purposes adapted to EU regulations

Amendments: Lagen (1999:353) om rättspsykiatriskt forskningsregister, lagen (2003:460) om etikprövning av forskning som avser människor, lagen (2013:794) om vissa register för forskning om vad arv och miljö betyder för människors hälsa, offentlighets- och sekretesslagen (2009:400) and lagen (2018:218) med kompletterande bestämmelser till EU:s dataskyddsförordning.

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2017/18:298 Behandling av personuppgifter för forskningsändamål

SFS: 2018:1998–2002

Entry into force: 1 January 2019

New organisation for ethical review of research involving humans

New ordinance: Förordning med instruktion för Etikprövningsmyndigheten

Amendments: Lagen (2003:460) om etikprövning av forskning som avser människor, lagen (2002:297) om biobanker i hälso- och sjukvården m.m.

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2017/18:45 En ny organisation för etikprövning av forskning som avser människor

SFS: 2018:147, 2018:148 and 2018:1879

Entry into force: 1 January 2019

Ministry for Foreign Affairs

The Ministry for Foreign Affairs, together with missions abroad, is responsible for Sweden's relations with other countries. The Ministry formulates the alternative courses of action that form the basis of the Government's positions on foreign and development cooperation policy issues, as well as on international trade policy issues.

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The issues for which the Ministry for Foreign Affairs is responsible are rarely regulated through acts or ordinances, with the exception of EU-related legislation and the ordinances that clarify the duties of government agencies that come under the Ministry.

There is no new legislation entering into force at the beginning of 2019 in the areas for which the Ministry for Foreign Affairs is responsible.

Important new acts and ordinances entering into force in 2018/2019
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