

**Norway<sup>1</sup>**

**National Procedures for Mutual Legal Assistance on laundering,  
search, seizure and confiscation of proceeds of crime (ETS 141)**

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**Procedure for search (asset-tracing) and seizure**

<b>The Central Authority responsible for mutual legal assistance:</b> (including freezing and seizure)	ØKOKRIM The National Authority for Investigation and Prosecution of Economic and Environmental Crime in Norway <a href="http://www.okokrim.no">www.okokrim.no</a>  Postal address: Po.box 2096 Vika, 0125 OSLO, NORWAY Tel: +47 23 29 10 00 Fax: +47 23 29 10 01 e-mail: <a href="mailto:post@okokrim.no">post@okokrim.no</a>
If different from the Central Authority, the authority to which the request should be sent:	
<b>Channels of communication</b> for the request for mutual legal assistance: (directly or other)	Directly, through diplomatic channels or through INTERPOL/SIS.
<b>Means of communication</b> (eg. by post, fax, e-mail <sup>2</sup> ):	Post, fax or encrypted e-mail
<b>Language requirements:</b>	As declared in accordance with ETS n).141 article 25, Norway requires that requests and documents supporting them are accompanied by a translation into Norwegian, Swedish, Danish or English.
<b>Double criminality requirement</b> , if applicable:	Dual criminality is generally required for assistance that involves seizure, tracing of proceeds by order for compulsory disclosure, or other coercive measures.
<b>Other requirements:</b>	
<b>Modalities/requirements</b> for the execution of MLA requests for	Norway has a central register of real estate. Norway has not a central register of bank accounts, but a currency register of all

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investigative assistance (search, tracing, special investigative techniques), existence of a central register of real estate/bank accounts, duration of preservation of bank data, etc.:	payments made in and out of Norway such as credit transfers, use of foreign credit cards, and cash exchange.
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<b>Limitation of use of evidence obtained:</b>	Evidence obtained through a request for mutual legal assistance can only be used for other purposes with prior consent of Norwegian legal authorities.
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<b>Modalities/requirements</b> related to the execution of provisional measures (freezing, prejudgment seizing) including lifting of these measures (possibilities to seize (im) movable properties) and applicable time limits, if any:	<p>Orders of compulsory disclosure and seizure are generally made or maintained by the court upon request of the prosecution authority.</p> <p>It is generally required that a MLA request for seizure, compulsory disclosure or any other coercive measure include a decision of a competent legal authority stating that the conditions for the use of the relevant measure are fulfilled in the requesting state.</p>
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<b>Available asset management system</b> including preservative measures (for example prejudgment selling) concerning the seized goods:	
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**Procedure for confiscation / Recognition of foreign decisions.  
Recovery of confiscated assets**

<b>The Central Authority Responsible for confiscation/ recognition of foreign judgments/decisions/measures:</b>	<p>ØKOKRIM The National Authority for Investigation and Prosecution of Economic and Environmental Crime in Norway <a href="http://www.okokrim.no">www.okokrim.no</a></p> <p>Postal address: Po.box 2096 Vika, 0125 OSLO, NORWAY Tel: +47 23 29 10 00 Fax: +47 23 29 10 01 e-mail: <a href="mailto:post@okokrim.no">post@okokrim.no</a></p>
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<b>Document requirements and modalities/requirements for the procedure of confiscation:</b>	
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<b>Other requirements, if applicable:</b> (e.g, a link between the proceeds and the criminal offence.) In case of money laundering, what are the requirements for the predicate offence(s)	<p>The proceeds of any criminal offence, or a corresponding amount, may be confiscated in full or in part. A basis for determining the size of the amount to be confiscated is needed. However, if the basis for determination is insufficient, an amount deemed equivalent to the proceeds made may be confiscated.</p> <p>In cases of money laundering, it is not necessary to identify the predicate offence in order to confiscate the laundered proceeds of crime, but the evidence must be sufficient to rule out the possibility that the proceeds have a legal origin.</p>
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<b>Procedure /possibilities to trace assets/proceeds</b> when a (foreign) confiscation order is already given:	
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<b>Procedure for sharing of assets</b> , if applicable:	The question of asset sharing are decided on a case by case basis. Asset sharing between states of proceeds of crime confiscated in Norway are generally decided by the Norwegian Ministry of Justice, see section 75 of the Norwegian penal code.
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<b>Where applicable, limitations to the possibility for the requesting state to serve judicial documents directly to the persons concerned:</b>	Requests made on the basis of this convention for service of judicial documents on the persons concerned must be made through the Central Authority.
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### Other particularity relevant information on special types of assistance

<b>Non Conviction Based Confiscation:</b>	
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<b>MLA regarding liability of legal persons:</b> (criminal, civil or administrative)	
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<b>Other information:</b> (for example, extended confiscation, confiscation for the purpose of victims)	
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<b>Links</b> to national legislation, national guides on procedure:	<a href="#">EJN Judicial Atlas (europa.eu)</a>
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