



Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Latvia

Amendments to the Criminal Law of Latvia for the implementation of the Nicosia Convention

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ARTICLE 229



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Before amendments

Section 229. Illegal Actions Involving a Cultural Monument Protected by the State

(1) For the destruction, damaging or desecration of a cultural monument **protected by the State**, and also illegal bringing out of the Republic of Latvia of a cultural monument protected by the State, or its illegal alienation, if substantial harm has been caused thereby to the interests of the State or the public,

the applicable punishment is the deprivation of liberty for a period of up to two years or temporary deprivation of liberty, or community service, or a fine.

(2) For the destruction, damaging or desecration of a cultural monument protected by the State, **if such has been committed by arson, use of explosives, or in another generally dangerous manner or if it has been committed by a group of persons**,

the applicable punishment is the deprivation of liberty for a period of up to five years or temporary deprivation of liberty, or community service, or a fine.

After amendments

Section 229. Illegal Acts with Cultural Objects

(1) For a person who commits illegal storage, movement, forwarding, alienation of a **cultural object, that is, a cultural monument protected by the Republic of Latvia or another State, museum holding object or especially protected library collection document**, or commits illegal bringing out of the Republic of Latvia or **bringing in the Republic of Latvia** thereof, if substantial harm has been caused thereby,

the applicable punishment is the deprivation of liberty for a period of up to two years or temporary deprivation of liberty, or probationary supervision, or community service, or fine.

(2) For a person who commits destruction of, damage to or desecration of a cultural object,

the applicable punishment is the deprivation of liberty for a period of up to three years or temporary deprivation of liberty, or probationary supervision, or community service, or fine.

ARTICLE 229¹



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Section 229.¹ Illegal Actions Involving State-owned Antiquities

For the illegal obtaining, storage, movement, forwarding, and alienation of **State-owned antiquities** or their illegal bringing out of the Republic of Latvia,

the applicable punishment is the deprivation of liberty for a period of up to one year or temporary deprivation of liberty, or community service, or a fine.

After amendments

Section 229.¹ Illegal Acts with Antiquities

(1) For a person who commits illegal obtaining, storage, movement, forwarding, alienation of antiquities **protected by the Republic of Latvia which are not in the museum holding or antiquities protected by another State**, or commits illegal bringing out of the Republic of Latvia or **bringing in the Republic of Latvia** thereof,

the applicable punishment is the deprivation of liberty for a period of up to one year or temporary deprivation of liberty, or probationary supervision, or community service, or fine.

(2) For a person who commits **destruction of or damage** to antiquities protected by the Republic of Latvia which are not in the museum holding or antiquities protected by another State,

the applicable punishment is the deprivation of liberty for a period of up to two years or temporary deprivation of liberty, or probationary supervision, or community service, or fine.



ARTICLE 229²

Before amendments

Section 229.² Release of a Person from Criminal Liability for Illegal Obtaining, Storage, Movement, and Forwarding of State-owned Antiquities

A person who has voluntarily transferred illegally obtained, stored, moved, or forwarded **State-owned antiquities** shall be released from criminal liability for illegal obtaining, storage, movement, and forwarding of **State-owned antiquities**.

After amendments

Section 229.² Release of a Person from Criminal Liability for Illegal Obtaining, Storage, Movement, and Forwarding of Antiquities

A person who has voluntarily turned in an illegally obtained, stored, moved, or forwarded antiquity **protected by the Republic of Latvia which is not in the museum holding or antiquity protected by another State** shall be released from criminal liability for the illegal obtaining, storage, movement or forwarding of an antiquity **protected by the Republic of Latvia which is not in the museum holding or an antiquity protected by another State**.



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ARTICLE 277

Before amendments

Section 277. Unauthorised Operations with Documents from Archival Collections

For a person who commits unauthorised destruction of, damage to, concealment of documents from **State Archival collections** or from Archival collections of public, co-operative or confessional organisations or other legal persons, or unauthorised bringing out thereof from the territory of the Republic of Latvia, or of substituting copies thereof, if as a result thereof substantial harm has been caused to the State power or administrative order, or to interests protected by law of a person,

the applicable punishment is the deprivation of liberty for a period of up to three years or temporary deprivation of liberty, or community service, or a fine.

After amendments

Section 277. Unauthorised Activities with Archival Records

For a person who commits damage to, concealing or illegal destruction, alienation, storage, movement, forwarding of **an archival record, record with archival value**, or substituting copies of such records, or commits illegal bringing out of the Republic of Latvia or **bringing in the Republic of Latvia** thereof if substantial harm has been caused thereby,

the applicable punishment is the deprivation of liberty for a period of up to three years or temporary deprivation of liberty, or probationary supervision, or community service, or fine.



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