REPORT

for the period 1 June 2022 to 31 May 2025, made by the Government of Finland,

on the

Protocol of 2002 to the Occupational Safety and Health Convention, 1981 (No. 155)

(ratification registered on 9 December 2003)

(a) NEW LEGISLATIVE OR OTHER MEASURES AFFECTING THE APPLICATION OF THE PROTOCOL

Section 236 a § of the Workers Compensation Act (459/2015), as amended. [Investigation of workplace accidents by the Workers' Compensation Center, and using the information obtained in the investigation in analyses and summaries of research activities]

As a result of the legislative amendment to the Workers Compensation Act (459/2015) that entered into force at the beginning of 2025, the investigation of severe workplace accidents (so called TOT investigation) is one of the statutory duties of the Workers' Compensation Center. The investigation team for workplace accidents prepares a confidential investigation report, and additionally, the investigation board for workplace accidents can decide on the content and publication of a public investigation report based on the severity of the accident. The Workers' Compensation Center has the right to use the information obtained in the workplace accident investigation also in analyses and summaries in accordance with Section 236 of the Workers Compensation Act (459/2015).

(b) INFORMATION ON THE PRACTICAL APPLICATION OF THE PROTOCOL

The Finnish Workers' Compensation Center (TVK) is the official authority for statistics on occupational accidents and diseases in Finland. Annual statistics on the frequency of accidents at work and occupational diseases are available on the website of TVK.

The publication "Accident insurance in figures" is compiled by TVK using data from multiple sources and published annually. The publications provide comprehensive statistical data on occupational accidents and diseases including trends over time. Published statistics during the reporting period are indicated below:

- Accident insurance in figures 2023 (published in February 2025)
- Accident insurance in figures 2022 (published in February 2024)
- Accident insurance in figures 2021 (published in January 2023)

Basic statistical data on the previous year's occupational accidents at work and commuting accidents are published in February-March of the following year. During the reporting period the following statistical data was published:

- Statistical data on occupational accidents in 2024: https://www.tyotapaturmatieto.fi/julkaisu/tyotapaturmatietopalvelu/3990?c=27

- Statistical data on occupational accidents in 2023: https://www.tvk.fi/en/news/news/2024/number-of-accidents-at-work-remained-almost-unchanged-in-2023/
- Statistical data on occupational accidents in 2022: https://www.tvk.fi/en/news/news/2023/the-number-of-occupational-accidents-rose-more-in-2022-than-expected/

In addition, more detailed analyses of accident statistics are published annually on the TVK website https://www.tyotapaturmatieto.fi/. The published analyses examine the most recent numbers from the previous year and any changes in them. During the reporting period several analyses and studies has been published on various topics related to occupational accidents. These analyses provide detailed statistics on workplace accidents including sector-specific data and studies on topical themes.

In 2025 the Workers' Compensation Center (TVK) published an animation "Fatal Accident at Work 2023" https://www.tyotapaturmatieto.fi/julkaisu/tyotapaturmatietopalvelu/3954. In the animation, the results of the Safety Investigation Authority's thematic investigation of fatalities at work in 2023 are presented. In addition to the results of the thematic investigation, the animation presents the course of events of a few investigated accidents and gives concrete safety advice on how to avoid similar incidents.

Data on accidents at work and occupational diseases is also publicly available in a statistics app by the Workers' Compensation Center https://www.tvk.fi/en/statistics/statistics-app-tikku/. The app Tikku contains data on employees' occupational accidents and occupational diseases. Tikku uses data from the Workers' Compensation Center's register of occupational accidents and diseases and working hours statistics from the Labour Force Survey by Statistics Finland. The sub-pages in Tikku contains information on accidents at work, accidents during commutes, occupational accidents by line of business, frequency of accidents and occupational diseases.

Information about all recognized and suspected occupational diseases is recorded in the Finnish Register of Occupational Diseases (FROD) maintained by the Finnish Institute of Occupational Health. FROD receives insurance company data from the Finnish Workers' Compensation Center (TVK) and the Farmers' Social Insurance Institution (Mela). FROD also receives copies of reports submitted to the Regional State Administrative Agency on occupational disease by doctors. This data is used to complement insurance company data.

The Finnish Institute of Occupational Health publishes annual statistics on compensated occupational diseases and illnesses suspected to be occupational diseases based on the data from the Finnish Register of Occupational Diseases. The publication Recognized and suspected occupational diseases 2019–2020, published in 2024, contains detailed statistics on recognized and suspected cases of occupational diseases in Finland. The analysis section of the publication discusses the data of the Finnish Register of Occupational Diseases for 2019–2020 in more detail from a variety of perspectives. Various graphs and tables have been prepared from the data registered to illustrate the material.

In addition to this publication, data available on occupational diseases is published in the Work-Life Knowledge Service (tyoelamatieto.fi https://www.tyoelamatieto.fi/en/home/data/recognized-occupational-diseases-in-the-working-age-population/). The data is updated annually and includes the cases of recognized occupational diseases in the working-age population from six different periods (2016–2020, 2015–2019, 2014–2018, 2013–2017, 2012–2016, 2011–2015). The data on occupational diseases has been linked to an exposure agent group (10 groups) and occupation class (Classification of Occupations 2010, 2-digit level). The cases by occupation class are presented as a number of cases and as a figure in proportion to 1,000 employed in the occupation class concerned. The data can be filtered by clicking on the graphs.

A copy of this report has been sent to following labour market organizations:

- 1. The Confederation of Finnish Industries (EK)
- 2. The Central Organization of Finnish Trade Unions (SAK)
- 3. The Finnish Confederation of Salaried Employees (STTK)
- 4. The Confederation of Unions for Academic Professionals in Finland (Akava)
- 5. The Commission for Local Authority Employers (KT)
- 6. The State Employer's Office (VTML)
- 7. The Federation of Finnish Enterprises (SY)
- 8. The Commission for Church Employers