

ETSC Safe & Sober – Alcohol Interlock Seminar

ALCOLOCK LEGISLATION IN FINLAND

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“Act on the right to drive controlled by an alcohol interlock”

- Interlock-monitored driving right implemented in July 2008 (first a trial for 3 years)
- Voluntary after a DUI offence (instead of a driving ban)
- Court decides the length; between 1–3 years
- National code 111 on the driving licence
- Data read out every 60 days
- About 50 new participants each month

“Act on the use of alcohol interlock in school and day care transportation”

- Since August 2011 interlocks mandatory “if the transportation is organized by a municipality, municipal federation, school or institute as charter transport and support from a municipality or state is obtained”
- Interlocks installed in more than 8000 taxies and busses
- Responsibilities for the municipalities, carriers and drivers

"Act on approving the alcohol interlock for traffic"

- Since August 2011 all interlocks used in traffic need to be approved by Trafi (for the offender market the requirement in place already from July 2005)
- European Standard EN 50436-1 or EN 50436-2
- Vehicle regulations (EMC)
- The workshop required to give the customer an installation certificate and a calibration certificate
- Trafi maintains the list of workshops on its website

“Driving Licence Act”

- Driving Licence Directive states that “driving licences shall not be issued to, or renewed for, applicants or drivers who are dependent on alcohol or unable to refrain from drinking and driving”
- As of 19 January 2013 doctors are able to “recommend” an interlock to a driver who would not obtain or maintain a driving licence otherwise; the police issues the driving licence

- **Publications of the Ministry of Transport and Communications 3/2012:**

Working group: "Imposing the alcolock as a condition for the right to drive for drink-driving offenders"

<http://www.lvm.fi/web/fi/julkaisu/-/view/3113034>

- **Trafi Publications 1/2012:**

Study: "Implementation and effects of alcohol interlocks in professional transportation"

http://www.trafi.fi/palvelut/julkaisut/2012_julkaisut



Thank you!

**Questions?
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