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**SWEDEN, DENMARK,  
FINLAND and NORWAY**

**Agreement concerning a common Nordic labour market for  
physiotherapists. Signed at Stockholm on 17 Decem-  
ber 1976**

*Authentic texts: Danish, Finnish, Norwegian and Swedish.  
Registered by Sweden on 28 June 1978.*

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**SUÈDE, DANEMARK,  
FINLANDE et NORVÈGE**

**Accord concernant un marché commun nordique du travail  
pour les kinésithérapeutes. Signé à Stockholm le 17 dé-  
cembre 1976**

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Enregistré par la Suède le 28 juin 1978.*

## [TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup> BETWEEN DENMARK, FINLAND, NORWAY AND SWEDEN CONCERNING A COMMON NORDIC LABOUR MARKET FOR PHYSIOTHERAPISTS

The Contracting States,

Having previously concluded an agreement concerning a common Nordic labour market,

Considering that the possibility of free movement of physiotherapists between the Nordic countries will promote the medical and social development of those countries,

Considering that the officially regulated training of physiotherapists is essentially the same in the countries concerned, and

Endeavouring to achieve maximum uniformity in training and legislation as regards medical personnel,

Have agreed as follows:

*Article 1.* A person who has obtained and still holds an authorization to practice physiotherapy without restriction (license, permit) in one Contracting State shall be entitled, under the conditions laid down in this Agreement, to obtain an authorization to practice physiotherapy in any other Contracting State.

*Article 2.* A physiotherapist from Finland applying for an authorization in another Contracting State shall, if so required, furnish proof of a satisfactory knowledge of another Scandinavian language.

A physiotherapist from another Contracting State applying for an authorization in Finland shall, if so required, furnish proof of a satisfactory knowledge of the Finnish language.

*Article 3.* A physiotherapist from one Contracting State wishing to work in another Contracting State shall furnish proof to the central health authority of the latter State that he fulfils the conditions laid down in articles 1 and 2.

An authorization to practice physiotherapy shall be accorded to an applicant fulfilling these conditions if no circumstances exist which could result in revocation of the authorization.

<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 28 July 1978, i.e., three months after all member States had deposited their instruments of ratification with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Sweden, in accordance with article 10. The instruments were deposited as follows:

<i>State</i>	<i>Date of deposit of the instrument of ratification</i>
Norway .....	12 January 1977
Sweden .....	12 January 1977
Denmark .....	16 January 1977
Finland .....	28 April 1978

*Article 4.* Should an authorization be revoked by the State which originally granted it, an authorization subsequently granted in another Contracting State shall be revoked. A subsequent authorization may otherwise be revoked only in accordance with the regulations in force in the State which granted such authorization, but account may be taken of a crime committed, gross incompetence demonstrated in the practice of physiotherapy or obvious unsuitability as a physiotherapist demonstrated in another Contracting State.

The central health authorities of the Contracting States shall inform each other of the revocation of an authorization to practice physiotherapy.

*Article 5.* A physiotherapist who has been granted an authorization in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement shall in principle be entitled to seek and obtain employment as a physiotherapist in another Contracting State even if the applicant is not a national of that State.

Service as a physiotherapist in one of the Contracting States shall be deemed, in any other Contracting State where such service is continued, to be equivalent to service of the same type in the latter State.

*Article 6.* A physiotherapist from one Contracting State who obtains employment in another Contracting State shall in principle be placed on the same footing as a physiotherapist in the latter State in respect of entitlement to salary, pensions and other benefits connected with employment.

*Article 7.* After the signing of this Agreement, each of the Contracting States shall, to the maximum possible extent, amend the domestic regulations currently in force in accordance with the principles set out in articles 5 and 6 in so far as relates to the civil service and also work towards the application of those principles to private employment.

*Article 8.* The central health authorities of the Contracting States shall observe trends in the labour market for physiotherapists in the respective countries and, where special measures are found to be necessary, shall report on them to the committee established under article 5 of the Agreement of 22 May 1954 concerning a common labour market.<sup>1</sup>

The central health authorities shall provide each other on a continuing basis with such reports and information as may be useful for the purpose of evaluating trends in the labour market for physiotherapists in the Contracting States.

*Article 9.* Iceland may, following consultations, accede to this Agreement.

*Article 10.* This Agreement shall be ratified and the instruments of ratification shall be deposited with the Swedish Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The Agreement shall enter into force three months after all the instruments of ratification have been deposited.

Any Contracting State may denounce the Agreement by giving six months' notice, and the denunciation shall become effective on 1 July or 1 January following the period of such notice.

Any Contracting State may abrogate the Agreement with immediate effect in respect of one or more of the other Contracting States in the event of war or a threat

<sup>1</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 199, p. 3.

of war or where other special national or international circumstances so require. The Governments of the States concerned shall be notified of the decision forthwith.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned, being duly authorized for the purpose, have signed this Agreement and have thereto affixed their seals.

DONE at Stockholm on 17 December 1976 in one copy in the Danish, Finnish, Norwegian and Swedish languages, all the texts being equally authentic.

The Swedish Ministry of Foreign Affairs shall transmit certified copies thereof to the Governments of the other Contracting States.

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