

DENMARK

Act No. 331 of 4 June 1986 on protection of cultural resources in Denmark.

1. Cultural property subject to export control

Cultural property made before 1660.

Cultural property worth more than 100,000 kroner and more than 100 years old.

Photographs worth more than 30,000 kroner.

In certain circumstances, the Minister for Cultural Affairs may decide, on the recommendation of the Cultural Resources Committee, that an item of cultural property not otherwise covered should be included.

Coins and medals are not included (Art. 2).

2. Type of export control

Prohibition without a permit (Art. 3). Export permits are granted by the Cultural Resources Committee (Art. 5). Only the owner of the cultural property may apply for a permit (Art. 3). If the Committee does not make a decision within three months, the permit can be regarded as having been granted, unless a request for access to the property has not been complied with (Art. 6). The permit expires at the end of five years (Art. 9).

An export permit must be granted if the owner proves (a) the object was made outside Denmark and imported within the last 100 years or (b) that he is emigrating and wishes to export the object as part of his personal effects (Art. 7).

3. Transfer of ownership

Any transfer of ownership of cultural property covered by the Act must be reported to the Cultural Resources Committee (Art. 4).

If a request for an export licence is refused, the State is obliged to offer to buy the property at market value (Art. 11).

4. Penalties and sanctions

Export without a permit is punishable by a fine (Art. 13).

5. International instruments

European Archaeological Convention 1969 in force since 19 November 1970.