

**Act giving legal effect to the Defence Agreement
between Iceland and the United States and on the legal status of US Forces
and properties¹⁾**

No. 110/1951, 19 December

¹⁾ Regulation No 284/1999 (on the Wage Committee for defence areas). Regulation No 902/2002 (on disposal of the Defence Force's surplus goods).

Entered into force on 31 December 1951.

ARTICLE 1

While the Defence Agreement between Iceland and the United States that was signed on 5 May 1951 is in force, its provisions and those of its Annex of 8 May 1951, regulating the status of United States personnel and property, shall have legal force in Iceland. The Agreement and its ancillary provisions are provided as attachments to this Act.

Attachment

Defense Agreement between Iceland and the United States of America Pursuant to the North Atlantic Treaty

Having regard to the fact that the people of Iceland cannot themselves adequately secure their own defenses, and whereas experience has shown that a country's lack of defenses greatly endangers its security and that of its peaceful neighbours, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization has requested, because of the unsettled state of world affairs, that the United States and Iceland in view of the collective efforts of the parties to the North Atlantic Treaty to preserve peace and security in the North Atlantic Treaty area, make arrangements for the use of facilities in Iceland in defense of Iceland and thus also the North Atlantic Treaty area. In conformity with this proposal the following agreement has been entered into.

ARTICLE I

The United States on behalf of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and in accordance with its responsibilities under the North Atlantic Treaty will make arrangements regarding the defense of Iceland subject to the conditions set forth in this Agreement. For this purpose and in view of the defense of the North Atlantic Treaty area, Iceland will provide such facilities in Iceland as are mutually agreed to be necessary.

ARTICLE II

Iceland will make all acquisitions of land and other arrangements required to permit entry upon and use of facilities in accordance with this Agreement, and the United States shall not be obliged to compensate Iceland or any national of Iceland or other person for such entry or use.

ARTICLE III

The national composition of forces, and the conditions under which they may enter upon and make use of facilities in Iceland pursuant to this Agreement, shall be determined in agreement with Iceland.

ARTICLE IV

The number of personnel to be stationed in Iceland pursuant to this Agreement shall be subject to the approval of the Icelandic Government.

ARTICLE V