

Ordinance (2018:1428) on climate adaptation work on the part of government agencies

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Section 1 This Ordinance applies to Affärsverket svenska kraftnät (the national grid), the National Board of Housing, Building and Planning, the National Electrical Safety Board, the Financial Supervisory Authority, the Public Health Agency of Sweden, the Swedish Fortifications Agency, the Swedish Armed Forces, the Swedish Agency for Marine and Water Management, the Swedish Chemicals Agency, Lantmäteriet (the Swedish mapping, cadastral and land registration authority), the Swedish Food Agency, the county administrative boards, the Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency, the Swedish Environmental Protection Agency, the Swedish Post and Telecom Authority, the Swedish National Heritage Board, the Sami Parliament, the Swedish Maritime Administration, the Swedish Forest Agency, the National Board of Health and Welfare, the Swedish Energy Agency, the National Property Board of Sweden, the Swedish Geotechnical Institute, the Swedish Board of Agriculture, the Swedish National Veterinary Institute, the Swedish Radiation Safety Authority, the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida), Geological Survey of Sweden, the Swedish Meteorological and Hydrological Institute (SMHI), the Swedish Agency for Economic and Regional Growth, the Swedish Transport Administration, the Swedish Transport Agency and Sweden's innovation agency Vinnova.

Section 2 This Ordinance is issued pursuant to

- Chapter 8, Section 11 of the Instrument of Government regarding Section 15, and
- Chapter 8, Section 7 of the Instrument of Government regarding other provisions.

Definitions

Section 3 In this Ordinance

climate adaptation means: measures that seek to protect the environment, human life and health, and property by adapting society to the consequences that a changed climate may bring, and

agency objectives: objectives for the climate adaptation work of an agency within its own sphere of operations.

Obligation to work on climate adaptation

Section 4 An agency as stated in Section 1 must, within its area of responsibility and within the remit of its mandate, initiate, support and evaluate climate adaptation work. If the agency administers or maintains State property, the agency is also to adapt such activities to a changed climate.

Section 5 In addition to the requirements in Section 4, a county administrative board must, within the remit of its mandate to coordinate regional climate adaptation work, also

1. initiate, support and follow up the climate adaptation work of the municipalities,
2. analyse how the county and, where necessary, neighbouring counties are affected by climate change,
3. support and follow up the climate adaptation work of regional sectoral agencies,
4. contribute to and produce documentation to improve knowledge and planning, and
5. support the work of river coordination groups.

Climate and vulnerability analysis

Section 6 Climate adaptation work is to incorporate investigating the impact of climate change on the agency's operations in a climate and vulnerability analysis.

The analysis is to be kept relevant by it being reviewed and updated in the event of significant changes to operations or at least every five years. The analysis is to identify provisions in acts and other statutes that affect the agency's climate adaptation work.

Section 7 The climate and vulnerability analysis is to form the basis of the direction and design of climate adaptation work under Sections 8-10.

Agency objectives in adapting to climate change

Section 8 The agency is to draw up up-to-date agency objectives for its climate adaptation work.

If the agency administers or maintains State property, the agency must also draw up agency objectives for adapting such activities to a changed climate.

Section 9 The agency objectives must

1. contribute towards the Government attaining its climate adaptation objectives, and
2. be measurable to the extent that is practically possible.

Action plan, allocation of responsibility and procedures

Section 10 The agency is to

1. have an action plan for work to attain the agency objectives referred to in Section 8,
2. document, follow up and report on the work of following the action plan and

attaining the agency objectives with a view to improving the work on an ongoing basis, and

3. update the action plan in the event of significant changes to operations or at least every five years.

The action plan is to show resources, approaches, timeframes and allocation of responsibility for the work.

Climate-adapted procurement

Section 11 The agency is to take climate adaptation into account in the agency's procurement to the extent that this is possible.

Regular follow-up and reporting

Section 12 The agency is to report its climate adaptation work annually in the way determined by the Swedish Meteorological and Hydrological Institute (SMHI).

The report is to be submitted to SMHI in conjunction with the agency's annual report with a copy sent to the Ministry at the Government Offices to which the agency belongs.

The Swedish Armed Forces are only to report to the Government Offices (Ministry of Defence).

Section 13 SMHI is to analyse the reports submitted under Section 12, paragraph two, and submit a summarised analysis of the climate adaptation work of the agencies to the Government by 15 April each year.

Developing methods, and advice and training

Section 14 SMHI is to be responsible for developing methods and for providing advice and training due to this Ordinance.

Authorisation

Section 15 SMHI may issue regulations on how climate adaptation work under section 12 is to be reported.

Transitional provisions

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1. This Ordinance enters into force on 1 January 2019.
2. An agency that is drawing up an action plan under Section 10, paragraph 1 for the first time is to report on the action plan no later than 30 January 2020. The report is to be submitted to SMHI with a copy sent to the Ministry at the Government Offices to which the agency belongs. The Swedish Armed Forces are only to report to the Government Offices (Ministry of Defence).

3. If an agency has drawn up a climate adaptation action plan by a separate decision before 1 January 2019, the agency is to be considered to have drawn up an action plan in line with Section 10, paragraph 1.