According to changes brought by the Pact instruments, the Qualification Regulation provides for additional grounds to withdraw international protection status when a person has been convicted by a final judgment for a particularly serious crime and constitutes a danger to the community of the Member State.

Previously, the Finnish Immigration Service removed protection status from those who committed crimes if their need for protection ceased to exist. As an example, the status could be removed if the security situation in the country of origin or in the person's circumstances have changed to such an extent that there was no longer a need for protection.

Following the legal changes, the Finnish Immigration Service and the Central Criminal Police launched a project to compare data between the two institutions to screen beneficiaries of international protection who had a history of serious crimes.

Approximately 20,000 persons granted asylum or subsidiary protection were screened, and according to the result, serious criminal records were found in connection with 1,000 persons. The main nationalities of those who committed crimes were nationals of Iraq, Afghanistan and Syria, which jointly accounted for three-quarters of the cases. The data showed that, for particularly serious crimes, the most common crime were related to violent and sexual crimes (e.g. aggravated assault, rape, child rape, robbery) and drugs. The group of cases also included homicides, economic crimes and crimes committed with terrorist intent.

As a next step, the Finnish Immigration Service will conduct personal interviews before deciding on revocation. A revocation decision can be issued against those who have committed particularly serious crimes jointly with a return order, unless there is a ban on return based on *refoulement* grounds.

If a person's international protection status is revoked and a return cannot be enforced, they can remain in Finland based on a temporary 1-year permit. However, this permit does not provide for the right to work, study or family reunification. The conditions for this temporary permit are monitored regularly and are revoked if a removal becomes possible.

The police has already received notifications for the first deportation orders which it will implement once the decisions become enforceable.

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