

To whom it may concern

Amendments to Swedish legislation

As of 1 September 2018, the following amendment to Swedish law comes into force (SFS 2018:1281)

A child whose place of residence is abroad may not be received by anyone intending to adopt the child without prior permission from the Social Services Board (*socialnämnden*). If the child has not been brought under the care of the applicant within three years after permission was granted, the permission will become invalid (Chapter 6, §§ 12 and 12a Social Services Act (2001:453)).

The amendment to the legislation means that the period of validity for permission that is still valid on 1 September 2018 will be three years instead of two years (Bill 2017/18:121 p 137).

This is the case even if the Social Services Board stated in the decision that the permission is only valid for two years.

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