[FI] Production and Distribution of Computer Viruses Is a Criminal Offence

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Laki rikoslain muuttamisesta, the Act on the amendment of the Penal Code, was confirmed on 14 October 1999 and will enter into force on 1 December 1999.

In the amendment, the production, making available and the distribution of computer viruses is defined as a criminal offence. Regardless of whether harm has actually been done, what makes the deed a criminal offence is the intention to cause damage to a data processing system or a data and telecommunications system. Though the distribution of viruses previously was not a criminal offence as such, the distributor could be punished if the virus had caused damage.

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