

## **Sweden**

Act Prohibiting the Female Genital Mutilation of Women 1982 (revised 1998)

Section 1: Operations on the external female genital organs which are designed to mutilate them or produce other permanent changes in them (genital mutilation) must not take place, regardless of whether consent to this operation has or has not been given.

Section 2: Anyone contravening Section 1 will be sent to prison for a maximum of four years.

If the crime has resulted in danger to life or serious illness or has in some other way involved particularly reckless behaviour, it is to be regarded as serious. The punishment for a serious crime is prison for a minimum of two and a maximum of ten years. Attempts, preparations, conspiracy and failure to report crimes are treated as criminal liability in accordance with Section 23 of the Penal Code.