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Law No. 68-678 of 26 July 1968 relating to the communication of documents and information of an economic, commercial, industrial, financial or technical nature to foreign natural or legal persons

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Article 1

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Subject to international treaties or agreements, it is prohibited for any natural person of French nationality or habitually resident in French territory and for any manager, representative, agent or employee of a legal person having its registered office or establishment there to communicate in writing, orally or in any other form, in any place whatsoever, to foreign public authorities, documents or information of an economic, commercial, industrial, financial or technical nature the communication of which is likely to affect the sovereignty, security, essential economic interests of France or public order, as specified by the administrative authority as necessary.

Article 1 bis

VERSION IN EFFECT SINCE 17/07/1980Created by Law 80-538 of July 16, 1980, art. 2 II, published in the Official Journal of July 17, 1980.

Subject to international treaties or agreements and applicable laws and regulations, it is prohibited for any person to request, seek or communicate, in writing, orally or in any other form, documents or information of an economic, commercial, industrial, financial or technical nature intended to constitute evidence for or in connection with foreign judicial or administrative proceedings.

Article 2

VERSION IN EFFECT SINCE 17/07/1980

[Amended by Law 80-538 of July 16, 1980, art. 3, Official Journal of July 17, 1980](#)

The persons referred to in Articles 1 and 1 bis are required to inform the competent minister without delay when they are made aware of any request concerning such communications.

Article 3

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[Amended by Ordinance No. 2000-916 of 19 September 2000 - art. 3 \(V\) Official Journal of the French Republic of 22 September 2000, effective 1 January 2002](#)

Without prejudice to the heavier penalties provided for by law, any infringement of the provisions of Articles 1 and 1 bis of this law shall be punished by imprisonment for six months and a fine of 18,000 euros or by one of these two penalties only.