

Country File

CZECH REPUBLIC



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Region	Europe
Legal system	Civil Law
UNCAT Ratification/ Accession (a)/ Succession (d)	22 February 1993 (d)
Relevant Laws	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Constitution of 16 December 1992• Penal Code of 1961 (Act No. 140, 1961)
Relevant Articles	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prohibition of Torture:• Definition of Torture:• Penalties: Article 259a of the Penal Code• Others:<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. International law status: Article 10 of the Constitution
Languages Available	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• English
Other Relevant Information	

Relevant Articles – CZECH REPUBLIC

ENGLISH (Translation)

Constitution of 16 December 1992

Article 10 Human Rights Treaties

Ratified and promulgated international accords on human rights and fundamental freedoms, to which the Czech Republic has committed itself, are immediately binding and are superior to law.

Penal Code of 1961 (Act No. 140, 1961)

Article 259a Torture and other inhuman and cruel treatment

1. A person who causes to another person physical or mental suffering through torture or other inhuman and cruel treatment in connection with the exercise of his powers of a State authority, local government body or a court, shall be punished by imprisonment from six months to three years.
2. One to five years' imprisonment shall be imposed on a perpetrator
 - a) if he committed such an act as a public official,
 - b) if he committed such an act together with at least two other persons or
 - c) if he keeps committing such an act for a longer period of time.
3. If the act committed results in grievous bodily harm, the perpetrator shall be punished with imprisonment from five to ten years,
4. If somebody causes death by this act he/she shall be punished by imprisonment lasting from eight up to fifteen years.