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GEORGIA- FINLAND CONNECTION

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GOVERNMENT & COMMERCE



Georgia is home to the Honorary Consulate of the Republic of Finland located in Atlanta and led by Honorary Consul John D. Saunders.

The Finnish American Chamber of Commerce of the Southeast was organized in 1982 and is located in Duluth. The Chamber is led by the president Christer Sundell. The objects and purposes of the Chamber are to protect, develop, encourage, promote and foster trade, business, financial and professional interests and commercial relations between Finland and the Southeastern United States.



TRADE RELATIONSHIP

Georgia ranked 9th among states exporting to Finland in 2008. Georgia led among US states in exports to Finland of salt, sulfur, earth, and stone, tools and cutlery, and carpets and other textile floor coverings. Georgia ranked second in miscellaneous chemical products, paper and paperboard, and woodpulp. In 2008, Georgia exported more than \$138 million worth of goods to Finland, a 14.6% increase from 2007.



In 2008 the Port Authority of Savannah ranked 7th among U.S. ports importing goods from Finland. Top imports from Finland included; vehicles, not railway; machinery; furniture and bedding; electrical machinery; and inorganic chemicals and rare earth minerals. The Port Authority of Savannah imported nearly \$166 million worth of goods in 2008.

CAPITAL INVESTMENT

Georgia companies with operations in Finland include:

CIBA Vision Corp.	Recall Corp.
CP Kelco	Russell Corp.
Exide Technologies	Spectrum Brands, Inc.
Infor Global Solutions	United Parcel Service, Inc.
Novelis, Inc.	UPS Supply Chain Solutions

Finnish companies with operations in Georgia include:

Ahstrom Atlanta, Inc.	Poyry Forest Industry Consulting, Inc.
Aldata Solution, Inc.	Stonesoft, Inc.
Beamex, Inc.	Stora Enso North America
Kemira Chemicals, Inc.	Tekla, Inc.
Kemira Finnchem USA, Inc.	
Metso Automation USA	



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TRANSPORTATION



Delta offers daily flights from Atlanta to Helsinki via Copenhagen, Paris, Amsterdam, or Dusseldorf.

Container ships can enter Finland via the ports of Hamina, Helsinki, Kotka, and Rauma.

COMMUNITY & EDUCATION



Atlanta Suomi Finland Society is located in Atlanta and works to promote Finnish culture through the planning of productions, films, and other cultural happenings. ASFS also keeps a Finnish library and helps represent Finland in international events in Atlanta.

The Scandinavian American Foundation of Georgia, Inc. (SAFG) is a non-profit organization dedicated to the exchange of educational, cultural, and amateur athletic endeavors between the countries of Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden and the State of Georgia. Founded in 1983, the Foundation has channeled the resources of individuals, corporations, organizations and government agencies in achieving these goals.



During the Fall 2007 semester, the University System of Georgia had 19 students from Finland enrolled. The University System also offers 2 study abroad programs in Finland.

