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GEORGIA - FINLAND CONNECTION

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

TRADE BALANCE

In 2010, Georgia imports from Finland were 1.4 times larger than Georgia exports to the market.

EXPORTS

In 2010, Georgia exports to Finland totaled close to **\$108 million**, which was a **19% increase** over 2009.

Georgia is the **5th** largest exporter into Finland among U.S. states.

RANK	STATE	2010 (\$)	% OF TOTAL	% CHANGE OVER '09
	States	2,181,169,335	100	31.24
1	California	256,865,741	12	26.16
2	New York	256,236,352	12	74.2
3	New Jersey	167,938,219	7.7	39.97
4	Texas	133,723,257	6.1	21.89
	Unspecified	111,388,763	5.1	34.65
5	Georgia	107,962,823	5	19.17

Top Exports to Finland are:

- salt, sulfur, earth, and stone
- tools
- machinery
- chemical products
- medical instruments

Georgia leads the nation in the export of the following goods to Finland:

- optic fibers
- tools
- chemical products
- salt, sulfur, earth, and stone
- inorganic chemicals (2nd)
- woodpulp (2nd)
- harvest machines (3rd)
- plastic baths (3rd)



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IMPORTS

In 2010, Georgia's imports from Finland totaled close to **\$150.6 million**. Georgia ranks 7th among U.S. states importing from Finland.

Top imports from Finland included vehicles, mineral oils, medical instruments, electrical machinery, organic and inorganic chemicals, plastics and paper.

CAPITAL INVESTMENT

There are close to 10 Georgia companies with operations in Finland.

There are close to 50 Finnish facilities operating in Georgia, including 16 manufacturing locations. The Finnish-affiliated companies employ close to 1,500 Georgians.

Note: Please see the appendix for a complete list of the facilities.

TRANSPORTATION

Delta offers daily flights from Atlanta to Helsinki via Amsterdam.

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. May 2, 2009 marks the date when merging Atlanta Suomi-Finland Society (ASFS) and Atlanta Suomikoulu (ASK) came to completion. Atlanta Finland Society, Inc. (AFS, Inc) is the outcome of a merger.

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.

The University System offers 2 study abroad programs in Finland.



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APPENDIX

Finnish companies with operations in Georgia include:

- AHLSTROM CORPORATION
- ALDATA SOLUTION OYJ
- BEAMEX OY AB
- KEMIRA OYJ
- KONE CORPORATION
- KYTOLA GROUP
- METSO CORPORATION
- NOKIA CORPORATION
- POYRY PLC

Georgia companies with operations in Finland include:

- CIBA VISION CORPORATION
- CP KELCO
- CRAWFORD & COMPANY
- EKA CHEMICALS, INC.
- EXIDE TECHNOLOGIES
- GEORGIA-PACIFIC CORPORATION
- INFOR GLOBAL SOLUTIONS
- KIMBERLY-CLARK HEALTH CARE
- LIAISON TECHNOLOGIES, INC.
- NCR CORPORATION
- NOVELIS INC.
- PREMIERE GLOBAL SERVICES INC.
- RECALL CORPORATION
- SPECTRUM BRANDS INC.
- UNITED PARCEL SERVICE INC.
- UPS SUPPLY CHAIN SOLUTIONS
- YKK CORPORATION OF AMERICA

