

Laws and Customs of War on Land (Hague IV); October 18, 1907

SECTION III MILITARY AUTHORITY OVER THE TERRITORY OF THE HOSTILE STATE

Art. 42.

Territory is considered occupied when it is actually placed under the authority of the hostile army.

The occupation extends only to the territory where such authority has been established and can be exercised.

Art. 43.

The authority of the legitimate power having in fact passed into the hands of the occupant, the latter shall take all the measures in his power to restore, and ensure, as far as possible, public order and safety, while respecting, unless absolutely prevented, the laws in force in the country.

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