

Legal References

articles 927, 928, 929, 930, 931 of the Italian Civil Code

The only official version of the text is the Italian one.

Any translation of Italian Civil Code into English can be used for guidance only.

Art. 927 - Found things

Whoever finds a mobile thing must return it to the owner, and, if she/he does not know the owner, she/he must deliver it without delay to the mayor of the place where she/he found it, indicating the circumstances of the finding.

Art. 928 - Publication of the finding

The mayor announces the delivery by means of publication on the online authorised bulletin boards of the municipality, to be done for two successive Sundays and to remain posted for three days each time.

Art. 929 - Purchase of property of the thing found

One year after the last day of the publication without presenting the owner, the thing or its price, if the circumstances have demanded the sale, belongs to the person who found it. Thus the owner, like the finder, taking up the thing or receiving the price, must pay the expenses incurred.

Art. 930 - Award due to the finder

The owner must pay as a reward to the finder, if he requests it, the tenth of the sum or the price of the thing found.

If this sum or price exceeds € 5.16, the premium for the surplus is only the twentieth.

If the matter has no commercial value, the amount of the prize is set by the judge according to his prudent appreciation.

Art. 931 - Equalization of the owner or holder of the owner

For the purposes of the provisions contained in articles 927 and following, the owner and holder are treated in accordance with the circumstances.