

EU ENVIRONMENTAL LAW ON PREVENTION OF MARINE POLLUTION FROM SHIPS AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF RELEVANT ALBANIAN LEGISLATION IN THIS FIELD

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Abstract

We all want to develop and to increase welfare of our society, but should not put aside the care for the environment where it will grow and develop the future generations. To accomplish this mission requires a joint commitment and taking on the responsibilities from each structure which is in charge with the environment issues. Although marine pollution has a long history, significant international laws to counter it were only enacted in the twentieth century. Marine pollution was a concern during several United Nations Conferences on the Law of the Sea beginning in the 1950s. Most scientists believed that the oceans were so vast that they had unlimited ability to dilute, and thus render pollution, harmless. Marine pollution was a major area of discussion during the 1972 United Nations Conference on the Human Environment, held in Stockholm. That year also saw the signing of the Convention on the Prevention of Marine Pollution by Dumping of Wastes and Other Matter. The London Convention did not ban marine pollution, but it established black and gray lists for substances to be banned (black) or regulated by national authorities (gray). On preparing the paper should be take in consideration the EU legislation, shall be analysis the international conventions and the other treaties between countries on preventions of marine pollution. The paper will address the progress of EU legislation in recent years focusing on international legal acts undertaken to protect the marine pollution. Approaching of these issues will be considered also the development of Albanian legislations on this field under the light of the obligations assumed under the SAA and other international agreements ratified by the Republic of Albania.

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