

Legal regulation of international trade in military material and civilian weapons

The thesis focuses on the comparison of regulations governing international trade with weapons of military and non-military character. The area under consideration is, given the character of the commodity traded, a specific area of international trade in which there are a number of legal norms regulating this area. The analysis and comparison of the legal standards in question is based on international, European and national legislation, with an emphasis on internal interconnection of individual legal norms in order to better understanding and relevance to the international arms trade.

The thesis consists of several chapters that are thematically related. The first chapter deals with the theoretical definition of international arms trade with a focus on private international law. Particular attention is paid to the international purchase agreement and international transport agreements that will be applied in the course of the implementation of the arms trade. The second chapter focuses on defining the term "weapon" and its definition in the most important international conventions dealing with weapons. Attention is focused on distinguishing military weapons and weapons for civilian purposes. The next, third to fifth chapters reflect the international, EU and national level of regulation of international arms trade. Within these chapters, individual legal norms are identified, described, and analyzed in the context of other legal standards. The final sixth chapter deals with the actual comparison of the examined legal regulations.

The presented thesis therefore primarily identifies, describes and categorizes the legal regulation of the international arms trade, which then distinguishes between military and civilian weapons. The identified regulations of each area are compared and analyzed at the end of the work in order to identify any differences or shortcomings that could potentially be used in the future for improving of regulation. In view of the above, the thesis also includes the presentation of the current legislative development and case law in this area.