

SUMMARY

INSTRUMENTS OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION IN CZECH LAW

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This graduation thesis is concentrated on the main categories of instruments applied within environmental policy, such as legal, conceptual, economic and penal instruments. The thesis is divided into five chapters. The first chapter presents an introduction to the issue, it deals with the categories of instruments used for the protection of environment on international, European and Czech level.

The second chapter is focused on particular administrative (legal) instruments which constitute the basis of every system of environmental protection. They are mainly represented by general legal rules and individual administrative acts such as bans, permits, authorizations and obligations.

The third chapter covers the conceptual instruments (policy tools). The aim of these instruments is to contribute to the improvement of the state of the environment. Conceptions, programs, projects and plans present an expert, long term frame conceived documents, emphasized either on the environment in general, or some of its components (e.g. air, water, soil, rocks, live organisms, ecosystems or energies).

The fourth chapter particularly deals with economic instruments. The economic instruments, after legal instruments, represent the second most extensive category of instruments with an increasing influence. The aim of economic instruments is to compel the polluters to decrease the negative influence of their activities on the environment by economic stimulation, for example through taxes, fees or tax allowances. Unlike the previous chapters, economic instruments are partially described also from the international point of view since the foreign legal regulation cannot be ignored, especially when dealing with environmental insurance, ecolabeling and emissions' trading.

The Final chapter deals with the penal instruments (sanctions). This part considers administrative sanctions as well as criminal aspects of environmental protection and criminal sanctions.

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Instruments of environmental protection (nástroje ochrany životního prostředí)

Instruments of environmental protection as used in law may be essentially subdivided into: 1. administrative tools, such as permits or agreements; 2. policy tools, such as plans, programmes and conceptions in the area of air, water, forest, nature and landscape protection, and waste; 3. economic tools, such as taxes, charges, subsidies, project grants or tradable emission allowances; 4. sanctions and 5. special tools, such as planning and building procedure, environmental impact assessment or integrated prevention and protection against pollution.