

ABSTRACT

Commodity transactions and commodity exchanges in the Czech Republic

The object of this thesis is trading commodities on the organised markets in the Czech republic. The diploma thesis is divided into three chapters. The first concentrates on the characteristics of basic terms such as exchange with its historic development and functions, commodity as the subject of exchange trades and organised commodity market. The second chapter describes briefly main types of exchange trades and principles of trading with the futures and options contracts on the future exchange. The third chapter is divided into three parts. The first deals with the legal aspects of commodity exchanges in the Czech republic including the outline of legislation existing in different periods of the czech history. Second concentrates on current commodity exchanges, its basic characteristics and trading mechanisms. The last represents the complex evaluation of the current state of the commodity exchange from the legal and economic point of view and the outline of its perspectives in following years. Commodity exchanges or organised commodity markets are significant segments of market economy and influence economic growth of single countries as well as world economy. In developed countries commodity trading reached such form that it does not mediate real deliveries but serve particularly as hedging for people working with commodities. Commodity trading in the Czech republic has not achieved the level of developed countries so far and it is partly due to imperfect legislation. Commodity exchange law which is the basic legislation for the organised commodity markets area was passed almost twenty years ago and its concept of exchange does not respond to the current needs.