

BONDS AND THEIR IMPORTANCE FOR BUSINESS

The theme of this thesis is bonds as substitutable securities carrying particularly the right to repayment of amount due and of yield; the second topic is the importance of bonds for business.

In the introduction the author deals with general embedding of the term *security* in the Czech legislation as well as in Swiss and Slovak legal concepts. Mentioned are changes brought by the new Czech Civil Code which will be effective probably from January 1, 2014.

Thesis then comprehensively discusses the bonds in the Czech legislation. Described are the term *bond* and functions of bonds, as well as the matter of bond issuers, then basic essentials of bonds, the possibility of bond yield establishing, bond emission conditions and requirements needed for their approval and publication.

This is followed by articles on the issue of bonds and the individuals involved on the bond issue process, then by conditions of public offering and bond trading on a regulated market.

Widely discussed are the specific types of bonds (mortgage bonds, municipal bonds, collecting bonds, subordinate bonds and convertible and priority bonds). The theme that cannot be missing is public debt and subject of government bonds as a mean to finance it, with regard to the Czech regulation. This is followed by the corporate bonds as a separate topic. Added are illustrative examples and figures.

Finally discussed topics are protection of bondholders and supervision of the Czech national bank. The thesis is concluded with an article on alternative possibilities of financing and a summary of the changes brought by the amendment to the Act on Bonds, which just before the completion of work has gone through the legislative process and has been signed by the President. The amendment now is waiting for its effectiveness.