

## **Abstract**

The diploma thesis is focused on the issue of the carrier's liability in the international carriage of goods. The topic is narrowed to the carriage by sea, being the most significant mode of carriage as regards the volume of carried goods; its international regulation is disunited and full of specifics justifying the need for a deeper analysis. Relevance of the topic consists in gradual establishment of new trends of transport, technological development and particularly in the continuing need for unification of the legal regulation. The objective of the thesis is to introduce and analyze the respective rules, to compare the rules with each other and to evaluate them.

The first chapter is dedicated to a theoretical introduction containing a definition of the liability and providing basic information about transport, carriage and subjects and division thereof. Regulation of carriage according to the Czech law is comprised in this chapter as well.

The second chapter is aimed at the carriage by sea in a broader context. This chapter deals with characteristics of this mode of carriage, especially as for division thereof, types of transport documents and typical subjects. Further, the basics of the Czech, European and international regulation of the carriage by sea are outlined.

The third chapter is the most important part of the diploma thesis and thoroughly examines the carrier's liability according to individual international conventions. These conventions are: the Hague and Hague-Visby Rules, brief but generally widespread; the Hamburg Rules, more complex and fair but much less successful; and lastly the Rotterdam Rules, containing a comprehensive regulation of a contract of carriage but still not in force. All these rules are, in respective sub-chapters, compared to each other and evaluated on the basis of previous detailed analysis. The end of the chapter briefly outlines the general average – a legal principle that, considering the topic of the diploma thesis, should not be omitted.