

Summary

Czech Atomic Law

The reason for my research is to find out what is the key legislation regulating atomic law in the Czech Republic and in other three countries which I have chosen for my comparison. They are Germany, United Kingdom and France because of their wide range of energy produced from nuclear source. Above all, I have oriented myself on the specific liability for nuclear damage.

The thesis is composed of seven chapters, each of them dealing with different aspects of atomic law, its governing legislation and regulatory bodies. Chapter One is introductory and describes history of the Czech atomic legislation since 1970's. The chapter is summarized in brief conclusion at the end.

Chapter Two examines relevant Czech legislation regulating atomic law. The chapter consists of four parts. Part One focuses on international conventions governing this topic. Part Two investigates legislation of European Union. Part Three addresses the issue of the Czech Atomic law No. 18/1997 Sb. In final part Four I give brief conclusion of this chapter.

Chapter Three is subdivided into four parts and provides overview of the role and operation of the State Office of Nuclear Safety. Part One illustrates the history of establishing the Office. Part Two looks at competence and scope of work of the Office. The part Three examines international cooperation of the Office with other international bodies (European Union etc.).

Chapter Four concentrates on relevant legislation in particular states I have chosen for my comparison. Part One describes the atomic legislation in Germany. Part Two gives summary of legislation in France and part Three in United Kingdom. At the end I am providing the brief summary of this chapter.

Ceské atomové právo

91

Chapter Five is composed of three parts and provides outline of the role of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA). In first part I give more details about its organisation and competence. In part Two I concentrate on cooperation of the IAEA and the Czech Republic.

Chapter Six provides analyzis of the term liability for damage and in more details liability for nuclear damage. In part One I give more detailed description of the liability for nuclear damage in the Czech law. Part Two is aimed on comparison of the international regulation of the nuclear damage, one under the regulation of Vienna Convention, the other under the Paris Convention. In part Three I focused on the Czech regulation of the liability for nuclear damage in comparison with particular European states. In part Four I provide general comparison of liability for nuclear damage and other industrial accidents, particularly chemical and crude oil accidents. At the end I provide in part Five brief summary of this chapter.

In last chapter Seven I provide some consideration of de lege ferenda changes to be made in the Czech Atomic law.

Conclusions are drawn at the end of this thesis. The main aim of the thesis is to analyse how the Czech legislation is in line with the international engagements, what is the legislation in other European nuclear states regulating atomic law, what are the key organisation bodies and their role and finally I focuse above all on the liability for nuclear damage. I analyze whether the Czech based limits for amounts of liability are sufficient in comparison with other European countries and if there is a reason to propose Atomic law amendments.