

Abstract

This diploma thesis deals with the problem of oil pollution of the marine environment caused by vessels. At the beginning of the thesis, the most important international agreements dealing with the protection of the marine environment and conventions regulating the cooperation of states in the elimination of the consequences of oil pollution are introduced. The thesis focuses mainly on the international conventions governing liability of an individual entity due to oil pollution of the oceans, but also briefly deals with the question of the state liability. The work analyses relevant US legislation, and compares this with an examination into the stance of the European Union and the Czech Republic with regards to this problem. In conclusion, some provisions of the international conventions are subjected to criticism and possible changes to the legislation are proposed.