

Legislation of waste management

Abstract

This thesis deals with the legal regulation of municipal waste management in the Czech Republic. The aim of the thesis is to analyze the changes related to the adoption of new legislation related to waste management and to assess whether the available instruments are sufficient to achieve the objectives set by both national and EU legislation.

The thesis is devoted to presenting the state of waste management with an emphasis on municipal waste in the Czech Republic using available data. Furthermore, the thesis focuses on the sources of legislation, with an emphasis on EU legislation and on the legislation that was the basis for the currently applicable legislation. It also includes definitions of basic terms and individual entities, which may include the waste producer, facility operator, waste dealer, or waste broker. The main part of the work is devoted to the position of the municipality and its relationship with natural persons, legal entities, and waste collection companies. It also addresses the methods of municipal waste management that are heavily used in the Czech Republic, which include recycling and landfilling.

The assessment of the sufficiency of the available instruments is based on an analysis of legislation, general binding municipal ordinances related to municipal waste, and a questionnaire survey to show how the legislation has been translated into practice and the impact of changes related to the adoption of the new legislation. The results of the analyses show some steps towards progressively moving closer to the objectives set. Because of the urgency of tackling the problems associated with municipal waste, the question is whether they are sufficient and whether there are sufficient control mechanisms in place to induce operators to comply with the targets and to try to move away from landfilling, which is one of the biggest problems associated with municipal waste.

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