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# **CONTRACT LAW**

Instructor: Inmaculada Herbosa Martínez

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## **CONTENTS**

The course deals with Spanish Law of contract. The aim of this course is to provide an overview of the core concerns of Contract Law, namely formation of contract, formalities of contract, and problems in performance and breach of contract. The second part of the course deals with the contributions of some Directives on protection of consumers to the development and structure of Spanish Contract Law.

## **TOPICS**

### **PART I**

**I.- INTRODUCTION: THE SPANISH CIVIL CODE. THE SCOPE OF CONTRACT LAW.**

**II.- CONCEPT AND ELEMENTS OF A CONTRACT**

1. Consent
2. Object
3. Cause

**III.- ELEMENTS INVALIDATING CONSENT**

1. Error
2. Deceit or misrepresentation
3. Violence (duress)
4. Intimidation

**IV.- THE FORMATION OF A CONTRACT**

1. Offer and invitation to treat
2. Acceptance
3. Advertisements, display of goods for sale, time-tables and vending machines

**V.- THE INTERPRETATION OF A CONTRACT**

**VI.- NULLITY OF A CONTRACT**

**VII.- PERFORMANCE AND DISCHARGE OF THE CONTRACT**

**VIII.- BREACH OF CONTRACT**

**PART. II.**

**I.- LAW 23/2003, ON CONSUMER GOODS AND ASSOCIATED GUARANTEES**

**II.- LAW 22/1994, ON LIABILITY DEFECTIVE PRODUCTS**

**III.-LAW 47/2002, ON PROTECTION OF CONSUMERS IN RESPECT OF DISTANCE CONTRACTS**

**IV.-LAW 7/1998, ON GENERAL TERMS IN CONSUMER CONTRACTS**

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## **EUROPEAN UNION LAW**

Instructor: José Ramón Canedo Arrillaga

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### **METODOLOGY**

Consists on the exposition of the different topics by the lecturer and the students work in the class solving problems of private international law and cases

### **EVALUATION**

- Written exam

### **TOPICS**

#### **I. THE DEVELOPMENT OF EUROPEAN INTEGRATION**

1. The First Steps in the History of the Present European Integration Process
2. The EEC and Euratom Treaties
3. 1966–86: From the Luxembourg Accords to the Single European Act
  - a. Crisis: The Luxemborg Accords
  - b. Community Enlargement in the 1970s and 1980s
  - c. Political Co-operation
  - d. Developments in the Budgetary and Monetary Spheres
4. The Single European Act
5. The Birth of the European Union: The Maastricht Treaty
  - a. Title I: The Common Provisions
  - b. Titles II–IV: Changes to the Community Treaties
  - c. The Two Intergovernmental Pillars  
Pillar 2, Title V: Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP)  
Pillar 3, Title VI: Justice and Home Affairs (JHA)
  - d. Enlargement of the Community after the TEU
6. From Maastricht to Amsterdam
7. The Treaty of Amsterdam
  - a. The Common Provisions
  - b. The Community Pillar
  - c. Pillar 2, Title V: The Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP)
  - d. Pillar 3, Title VI: Police and Judicial Co-operation in Criminal Matters (PJCC)
  - e. Title VII: Closer Co-operation
  - f. Title VIII: Final Provisions
8. From Amsterdam to Nice
9. The Nice Treaty
10. The European Convention and the IGC 2004
  - a. The Common Provisions
  - b. Pillar 2: The CFSP
  - c. Pillar 3: PJCC
  - d. Title VII on Enhanced Co-operation
  - e. The Community Pillar

11. Conclusion

**II. THE EUROPEAN UNION**

1. The European Communities and European Union Legal Basis
2. The Membership: Admission, Exit and Suspension of Rights.
3. The Aims of the European Union
4. The EC Competences System
  - a. Competence and Limited Powers, Implied Powers and Article 308 EC
  - b. Pre-emption, Loyalty, Subsidiarity and Proportionality Principles
  - c. Distribution of Competences between EC and its Member States
5. Closer Cooperation

**III. THE INSTITUTIONS**

1. General Ideas
2. The Commission
  - a. The College of Commissioners: Appointment and Removal
  - b. The College of Commissioners: Composition
  - c. The College of Commissioners: Decision-making
  - d. The Presidency of the Commission
  - e. The Commission Bureaucracy
  - f. The Powers of the Commission
  - g. The Role of the Commission: Conclusion
3. The Council
  - a. Composition of the Council
  - b. The Presidency of the Council
  - c. The Committee of Permanent Representatives
  - d. The Council Secretariat
  - e. The Powers of the Council
  - f. The Role of the Council: Conclusion
4. The European Council
  - a. Composition
  - b. Rationale
  - c. Role
  - d. The Role of the European Council: Conclusion
5. The European Parliament
  - a. Composition and Functioning
  - b. The Parliament's Decision-making Role
  - c. The Parliament's Supervisory Role
  - d. The Parliament as a Litigant
6. The European Court of Justice and the Court of First Instance
  - a. Introduction
  - b. Composition and Structure of the Court of Justice
  - c. The Court of First Instance
  - d. The Role of the Advocate General
  - e. Basic Features of the Main Remedies (special attention to Preliminary Reference)
7. The Court of Auditors
8. Other Community Institutions
  - a. The Economic and Social Committee

- b. The Committee of the Regions
- c. The European Ombudsman
- d. Agencies

9. Conclusion

**IV. THE ECJ ACTIVITY**

A. Enforcement Actions against Member States

- 1. The Function and Operation of the Infringement Procedure
  - (a) Functions of the Procedure
  - (b) Operation of the Procedure
  - (c) Sharpening the Enforcement Procedure: The Pecuniary Penalty
- 2. The Commission's Discretion
- 3. The Reasoned Opinion
- 4. Types of Breach by Member States of Community Law
- 5. State Defences in Enforcement Proceedings

B. Review of Legality

- 1. The Range of Reviewable Acts
- 2. Article 230 (ex Article 173): Standing for Privileged Applicants
- 3. Article 230(4) (ex Article 173(4) ): A Critical Analysis of the General Standing Rules for Non-privileged Applicants
  - (a) Challenges to Decisions Addressed to Another Person
  - (b) Challenges to Regulations: The Traditional Approach
  - (c) Challenges to Regulations and Decisions: The More Modern Jurisprudence, The Significance of Codorniu
- 4. The Grounds of Review
  - (a) Lack of Competence
  - (b) Infringement of an Essential Procedural Requirement
  - (c) Infringement of the Treaty or of any Rule of Law Relating to its Application
  - (d) Misuse of Powers
- 5. Article 232 (ex Article 175): Failure to Act
  - (a) The Range of Reviewable Omissions
  - (b) The Procedure
  - (c) Standing
- 6. Article 241 (ex Article 184): The Plea of Illegality
  - (a) The Range of Acts which Can be Challenged
  - (b) The Forum in which Article 241 can be Used
  - (c) The Types of Proceedings in which Article 241 (ex Article 184) can be raised
  - (d) The Parties who are Allowed to Use Article 241 (ex Article 184)
- 7. The Consequences of Illegality and Invalidity

C. Preliminary rulings

- 1. Justification and types of preliminary ruling procedure
- 2. Some aspects those different types have in common
- 3. Interpretation and validity: The Provisions which can be Referred
- 3. Interpretation and validity: The Courts or Tribunals to which Article 234 (ex Article 177) Applies
- 4. The Effects of the ECJ Judgements

#### IV. SOURCES OF THE EUROPEAN UNION LEGAL ORDER

##### A. EC Legal Order

1. Primary Sources
2. Secondary Sources
  - (a) Regulations
  - (b) Directives
  - (c) Decisions
  - (d) Recommendations and Opinions
  - (e) Sui Generis Acts
  - (f) International Agreements

##### B. CFSP and PJCC Sources

#### V. THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE COMMUNITY LEGAL ORDER AND THE NATIONAL LEGAL ORDERS: DIRECT EFFECT AND SUPREMACY

1. The Conditions for Direct Effect
2. The Direct Effect of Treaty Provisions
3. The Legal Effects of Regulations and Decisions
4. The Legal Effects of International Agreements in EC Law
5. The Legal Effects of Directives
  - a. Direct Effect and the Vertical/Horizontal Distinction
  - b. Expanding Vertical Direct Effect: A Broad Concept of the State
  - (c) 'Indirect Effect': Development of the Principle of Interpretation
  - (d) 'Incidental' Horizontal Effects
6. Supremacy of Community Law

#### VI. THE PRINCIPLE OF STATE LIABILITY FOR BREACH OF EC LAW

1. The Origins of the Principle of State Liability
2. Conditions for Liability under Francovich
3. Brasserie du Pêcheur/Factortame III: Clarifying the Basis of the Principle of State Liability
4. Clarifying the Conditions for State Liability in Brasserie du Pêcheur/Factortame III
5. The Basic Principle of National Procedural Autonomy
6. The Requirements Imposed by Community Law: Proportionality, Adequacy, Effectiveness and Equivalence of National Responses

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# **FROM BIOTECHNOLOGY TO BIOETHICS**

Instructor: Aitziber Emaldi Ciri3n

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## **CONTENTS**

We shall study biomedical topics from the legal, scientific and ethical point of view. The subjects are really fashion these days as the matter has a great importance in all the countries and expressly in the European Union's projects.

## **TOPICS**

### **THEORETICAL LESSONS**

#### **I. INTRODUCTION**

#### **II. THE HUMAN GENOME PROJECT:**

1. Human genome project's backgrounds. 2. Human genome diversity project

#### **III. THE SPANISH LEGAL DEVELOPMENT IN BIOMEDICINE:**

1. Regulations on Biomedical subjects. 2. National, Community and International regulations. 3. The Convention on Human Rights and Biomedicine of the Council of Europe.

#### **IV. PRIVACY AND GENETIC INFORMATION:**

1. Privacy and genetic data. 2. Basic principles of data protection. 3. The subject and the family. 4. The right to know and the right not to know. 5. The protection of subjects in respect of their personal data. 6. Technical and organisational security measures to guarantee informatic freedom.

#### **V. GENETIC INFORMATION AND CONTRACTUAL RELATIONS:**

1. Types of contract affected by genetic information. 2. Conflicts. 3. Regulation

#### **VI. GENETIC INFORMATION AND PERSONAL INSURANCE:**

1. Genetic risk: the reality. 2. The duty to declare genetic risks. 3. Regulation

#### **VII. GENETIC COUNSELLING**

1. Concept and relevant aspects. 2. Advice on undergoing certain tests. 3. Genetic predictive tests and diagnoses. 4. Communication and evaluation of the genetic predictive tests. 5. Decisions taken on the basis of genetic counselling

#### **VIII. ASSISTED REPRODUCTION TECHNIQUES**

1. Legal and ethical aspects in assisted reproductive techniques. 2. Types of ART. 4. Gametes cryopreservation. 5. Payment of gametes. 6. Embryo research.



## **IX. EUGENICS**

1. Medical eugenics. 2. Eugenic abortion. 3. Comparative law on eugenics

## **X. SEX SELECTION**

1. Introduction. 2. Sex selection: Positive law considerations. 3. Positive law regulation: a personal appraisal.

## **XI. TRASPLANTS**

1. New challenges for organ trasplantation. 2. Regulation on trasplantation. 3. Xenotrasplantation. 4. Legal, ethical and scientific problems.

## **XII. GENETIC MANIPULATION**

1. Introduction. 2. Different types. 3. Genetic manipulation offences in Spain's new Penal Code. 4. Biomedicine Convention

## **XIII. CLONING**

1. Scientific developments in cloning. 2. Types of cloning. 3. Ethical and legal problems. 4. Regulation

## **XIV. STEM CELLS**

1. Introduction about the scientific developments in stem cells. 2. Stem cell research. 3. The lack of a legal concensus in the European Framework. 4. Current legal evaluation: the need for a minimal harmonisation. 5. Report from the Advisory committee on Ethics of Scientif and technical research

## **XV. EUTHANASIA**

1. Regulations of Spanish civil law to safeguard the aunomy of patients at the end of their life. 2. Types of euthanasia. 3. Regulation. 4. Testament.

## **Practical Lessons**

1. Privacy and the proteccion of medical information
2. Genetic discrimination
3. New reproductive techniques
4. Medical liability
5. Sterilization
6. Trasplant
7. Cloning
8. Stem cells
9. Euthanasia
10. Biotechnology

## **METODOLOGY**

After lecturer has exposed the different topics the students work in the class solving ethical and juridical problems of Biomedical Law and cases.

## **EVALUATION**

- Exam (80% of the final qualification)
- Works developed by the student and supervised by the lecturer (10% of the final mark)
- Participation in class (10% of the final mark)

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Real Decreto 412/1996, de 1 de marzo, por el que se establecen los protocolos obligatorios de estudio de los donantes y usuarios relacionados con las técnicas de reproducción humana asistida y se regula la creación y organización del Registro Nacional de Donantes de Gametos y Preembriones con fines de reproducción humana.

Real Decreto 413/1996, de 1 de marzo, por el que se establecen los requisitos técnicos y funcionales precisos para la autorización y homologación de los centros y servicios sanitarios relacionados con las técnicas de reproducción humana asistida.

Ley 42/1988, de 28 de Diciembre, de donación y utilización de embriones y fetos humanos o de sus células, tejidos u órganos.

Ley 15/1994, de 3 de Junio, por la que se establece el régimen jurídico de la utilización confinada, liberación voluntaria y comercialización de organismos modificados genéticamente, a fin de prevenir los riesgos para la salud humana y para el medio ambiente.

Ley 31/1995, de 8 de Noviembre, de Prevención de Riesgos Laborales.

Ley Orgánica 10/1995, de 23 de Noviembre, por la que se reforma el Código Penal.

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#### **Austria**

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#### **Brasil**

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#### **República Popular China**

Ley de 27 de Octubre de 1994, sobre asistencia sanitaria materno infantil.

#### **Estados Unidos de América**

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#### **Holanda.**

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Decreto 522, de 4 de julio de 1994, que comprende reglas más precisas en cuanto al ejercicio de los artículos 151a, 195a, 195b y 195d del Código de Enjuiciamiento Penal (Decreto relativo a la investigación del DNA).

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#### **Reino Unido**

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Artículo 24 de la Constitución.

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Recomendaciones, de 1994, *sobre la patentabilidad de los genes humanos*

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Portugal. Consejo Nacional de Ética para las Ciencias de la Vida

# AN INTRODUCTION TO THE U.S. LEGAL SYSTEM

Instructor: Toni M. Fine

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## CONTENTS

This course is designed for students and professors at the University of Bilbao Faculty of Law. The course will be taught via webcam, at a schedule to be arranged by Professor Maria Canedo Arrillaga.

The course will introduce participants to the U.S. legal system, and will cover the following topics. The schedule is flexible and may change depending on how fast we move through the material. Time permitting, we will examine a series of recent lead Supreme Court cases at the end. Participants should propose other topics of interest.

## METHODOLOGY

Participants are expected to be prepared for class by reading the assigned materials in advance. Class sessions will be most interesting when students participate in class with comments and questions.

## TOPICS

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Reading</b>
Introduction to the Course	
Introduction to Case Law	Fine, pages 61 – 67 <i>United States v. Morrison</i> , and notes and questions
The Constitution of the United States Structural Overview Governmental Structures and Shared Powers Amendments: Individual Rights and Freedoms and Structural Modifications	Constitution of the United States Fine, pages 15 – 36 Review <i>Morrison</i> , and notes and questions
Judicial Systems of the United States Federal Courts -- Article III of the U.S. Constitution -- Federal Court Structure -- Choosing a Court State Court Systems	Review Article III, Constitution of the U.S. Fine, pages 37 – 48
U.S. Sources of Law	Fine, pages 49 - 53
An Introduction to U.S. Legal Research	Fine, pages 54-56; 59-60
U.S. Citation Convention	Fine, pages 57-59
Common Law Development and Use of Precedent	Fine, pages 61 – 74 Case sequence (to be distributed)
Dispute Resolution Processes in the United States	Fine, pages 75 – 101
The Interoffice Memorandum of Law	Fine, pages 125 – 126

## **BIBLIOGRAPHY**

The primary text for this course is Toni M. Fine, *An Introduction to the Anglo-American Legal System* (Aranzadi 2007). The text will be supplemented with cases and other relevant materials.

<http://www.transnational.deusto.es/uslaw>



# **LAW OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE**

Instructor: Marta Casado Abarquero

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## **CONTENTS**

For many years, the conflict rules have been the only method to regulate international private relations, including commercial ones. That has caused high degrees of dissatisfaction amongst international operators and has caused the birth of the Law of International Trade.

The Law of International Trade constitutes a reaction against the traditional method in the regulation of international commercial relations, in other words, a reaction against the traditional conflict rules.

The aim of this course is to explain the contents and main features of the Law of International Trade which constitutes a specialized uniform transnational commercial law, i.e., a method of regulating international commercial relations in the same way all over the world. Thus, the International Law of Trade is a branch of law aiming for potential universal applicability.

## **METODOLOGY**

Lectures and practical exercises.

## **EVALUATION**

Written exam or optative oral exam which will include short conceptual questions and questions needing essay-type answers. There may also be practical exercises.

## **TOPICS**

### **Introduction.**

1. The insufficiency of conflict rules for the regulation of commercial international relations.
2. The rebirth of the *Lex Mercatoria* and the Law of International Trade (New Law Merchant).
3. Private International Law (conflict rules) and the Law of International Trade

### **PART ONE**

#### ***CONTENTS AND SOURCES OF THE LAW OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE***

1. Contents and characteristics of the Law of International Trade.
  - I. Contents of the Law of International Trade.
  - II. Main characteristics.
    1. Universality: exclusion of European Law.
    2. Search for a uniform regulation: exclusion of conflict rules.
    3. Private character of the Law of international trade: exclusion of public law regulating international trade.
  - III. Composition and structure of the Law of International Trade.
2. Sources of the Law of International Trade.
  - I. Formal heterogeneity of the Law of International Trade and diversity of its origins.
  - II. Contribution of the operators of international trade (*lex mercatoria*).
    1. Compilations of usages and practices.

2. Usages and practices observed by the parties in their relations.
3. Typified contracts.
- III. International arbitration and development of the Law of International Trade.
- IV. Contribution of States and interstate organizations.
  1. Treaties and Conventions.
  2. Model Laws.
  3. UNCITRAL Guides.
- 3. General principles of law applicable to commercial international relations.**
  - I. Principles from International Law, principles recognized by national systems and principles integrating the *lex mercatoria*.
  - II. Principles integrating the *lex mercatoria* and Art. 38 of the Statute of the International Court of Justice.
  - III. UNIDROIT Principles on International Commercial Contracts, Rome, 1995 / 2000.

PART TWO

**THE INTERNATIONAL SALE OF GOODS:  
THE VIENNA CONVENTION (CISG, 1980) AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL  
REGULATIONS**

**4. General.**

- I. Background.
- II. General observations on the Convention
  1. The incomplete character of CISG
  2. The effect of the will of parties on the contract.
  3. The influence of anglosaxon legal conceptions upon the Convention
- III. The coexistence of the Convention with other international texts

**5. Contents and applicability of CISG.**

- I. The contents of the Convention: excluded matters.
- II. Scope of the Convention.
  1. Sales regulated by the Convention.
  2. Sales excluded from the Convention.
  3. Sales which include additional obligations.
    - A) Supply of goods to be manufactured.
    - B) Contracts not confined to the supply of goods.
- III. The power of the parties to choose the applicability of the Convention.

**6. Interpretation and integration of the Convention.**

- I. Interpretation of the Convention.
  1. The need for uniformity in the interpretation of an international text.
  2. The principle of good faith in the interpretation of the Convention.
- II. Matters not expressly settled in the Convention.
  1. Use of analogy.
  2. Use of principles on which the Convention is based.
  3. Use of UNIDROIT Principles for the interpretation of CISG.
  4. Use of an internal legal system .

**7. Formation of the contract**

- I. Proposal of an offer.
  1. The need for an adequate formulation of the offer.
    - A) Indication of intent to be bound.
    - B) Definiteness of the offer and determination of price.
  2. The reception of the offer as requisite for its effectiveness
- II. Inefficacy of the offer: prior withdrawal, revocability until acceptance and extinction.

III. Acceptance of the offer.

1. Communication of the express or tacit acceptance.
2. The need for acceptance of the offer.
  - A) Acceptance of all the contents of the offer.
  - B) Acceptance with modifications: formulation of a counter-offer.
3. Time limit for the acceptance of the offer.

**8. Perfection of contract**

- I. The effect of acceptance: conclusion of contract.
- II. Inclusion in the contract of general dealing conditions.
- III. Interchange of forms (*Battle of Forms*).
- IV. Time and place of perfection of contract.

**9. Exclusion of precontractual responsibility.**

**10. Questions related to the contract**

- I. Form and proof of the contract.
- II. Interpretation of the contract.
  1. The principle of good faith and its scope within the CISG
  2. Statements made by the parties.
  3. Merger clauses.
- III. Matters not expressly settled in the contract.  
Practices observed by the parties.  
Customs and usages agreed upon by the parties.  
International normative usages.
- IV. Modification and extinction of the contract.

**11. Obligations of the parties**

- I. Obligations of the vendor.
  1. Delivery of goods in accordance with the contract.
    - A) Material conformity of the goods.
    - B) Legal conformity of the goods.
    - C) Time and place for the delivery of the goods.
  2. Handing over of the documents relating to the goods.
- II. Obligations of the buyer.
  1. Inspection of the goods.

Inspection of the goods in origin or after transportation.

Time limit for the inspection of the goods.

- C) Need of notification to the vendor about lack of conformity with the goods
- D) The two years' time limit for the notification to the vendor about the lack of conformity with the goods.
2. Taking delivery of the goods.
3. Payment of price.

**12. Passing of risk**

- I. Inadequacy of internal systems for the regulation of passing of risk in international sales.
- II. Passing of risk in the INCOTERMS 2000 ICC.
  1. General purposes of the *Incoterms*.
  2. The division of the *Incoterms* in groups.
  3. *Incoterms* 2000.
    - A) EXW, ex works.
    - B) FCA, free carrier.
    - C) FAS, free alongside ship.

- D) FOB, free on board.
- E) CFR, cost and freight.
- F) CIF, cost, insurance and freight,
- G) CPT, carriage paid to.
- H) CIP, carriage and insurance paid to,
- I) DAF, delivered at frontier.
- J) DES, delivered ex ship.
- K) DEQ, delivered ex quay.
- L) DDU, delivered duty unpaid.
- LL) DDP, delivered duty paid.

III. Passing of risk in CISG.

- 1. Passing of risk in sales with delivery of the goods at a particular place.
- 2. Passing of risk when the goods are handed over to the first carrier.
- 3. Passing of risk in sales during transit.

**13. Breach and cancellation of the contract**

I. Breach of the contract.

1. Fundamental breach.

- A) Fundamental breach produced
- B) Fundamental foreseeable breach and anticipatory cancellation of the

contract

2. Cancellation of the contract for fundamental breach by the vendor.

- A) Cancellation for lack of conformity of the goods
- B) Cancellation for lack of delivery of the goods
- C) Cancellation during successive deliveries of goods.

3. Fundamental breach by the buyer and cancellation of the contract.

II. Effects derived from the cancellation of the contract.

1. General effects.

2. Especial effect of cancellation: the obligation of preservation of the goods.

**14. Breach and maintenance of the contract**

I. Breach and initiatives of the parties for the maintenance of the contract.

- 1. The vendor's possibility of repairing defective goods.
- 2. Concession of additional time limit to fulfil obligations.
- 3. Foreseeable breach and suspension of performance.

II. Breach of the contract and right to compel performance.

1. Remedies available to the buyer.

- A) Substitution of unsatisfactory goods
- B) Repair of the goods
- C) Reduction in price.

2. Remedies available to the vendor.

**15. Breach of the contract and financial consequences.**

I. Breach and indemnification for damages.

- 1. Duty of reduction of damages (mitigation)
- 2. Amount of indemnification for cancellation of contract.
  - A) Indemnification in case of a replacement sale.
  - B) The current price of the goods for measuring damages.
- 3. Exoneration of the duty to indemnify.
  - A) Acts of God.
  - B) Third party's breach

C) The breach by one of the parties as a consequence of the conduct of other party.

II. Breach of the contract and interest due.

**16. Other international texts related to the international sale of goods**

I. The UN Convention on Prescription, 1974.

1. Background and general guidelines.
2. The initial version of 1974 and the text modified by the Protocol of 1980.
3. Scope.
5. Prescriptive time limit: computation, modification and limits.
6. Prescriptive expiration.

II.. Countertrade

1. Contracts of sale and of barter
2. Types of countertrade transactions and barter.
3. The UNCITRAL Guide 1992.

**PART THREE**

LONG TERM CONTRACTS.

17. Construction and collaboration contracts.

I. **Construction contracts.**

1. **UNCITRAL Guide on drawing up international contracts for large industrial works.**

2. UN Guidelines for contracting for industrial projects in developing countries.

3. Forms of the contract:

A) FIDIC (Federation Internationale des Ingenieurs-Conseils) Conditions of Contract

B) ENAA (Engineering Advancement Association of Japan)

C) UNIDO (UN Industrial Development Organisation)

D) World Bank Standard Bidding Documents for the Procurement of Works

II. Collaboration contracts.

1. UN Guide on drawing up international contracts on industrial cooperation.

2. UN Guide for drawing up international contracts between parties associated for the purpose of executing a specific project

3. UN Guidelines for the acquisition of foreign technology in developing countries.

4. UN Guide on the establishment of industrial join-venture agreements in developing countries.

**PART FOUR**

FINANCE OF EXPORTS

**18. Bills of exchange**

I. Payment on open account

II. Payment by bills of exchange

1. Nature of the bill of exchange

2. Foreign bills

III. The UN Convention on International Bills of Exchange and International Promissory Notes (1988)

1. The claused bill

2. The documentary bill

3. Avalised bills

4. Bills drawn in a set

5. Negotiation of bills by exporter

6. Proceedings on bills of exchange

**19. Payment orders and collection arrangements.**

- I. Payment orders and international transferences of credit.
  1. Simple and documentary payment orders.
  2. UNCITRAL Model Law on international transferences of credit: Guide for the transfer of funds.
- II. Collection of commercial paper: ICC Uniform Rules for Collections (1995).
  1. Purpose and legal nature.
  2. Simple and documentary remittances.
  3. Bankers' liabilities.
  4. Presentation of the documents for payment or acceptance.

**20. Letters of credit**

- I. Characteristics of the letter of credit
- II. Uniform Customs and Practice for Documentary Credits: Application of the UCP
- III. The stages of a letter of credit transaction
- IV. The two fundamental principles
- V. The autonomy of the letter of credit
- VI. The documents tendered to the bank: The doctrine of strict compliance
  1. Time for examination
    2. Discrepancy of the documents
  3. Provisions relating to the documents in the UCP: the transport documents
- VII. Kinds of letters of credit
- VIII. Fraud affecting letters of credit: Evidence of fraud

**21. Factoring, forfaiting, financial leasing and other forms of merchant finance**

- I. Factoring
  1. The essence of international factoring
  2. Direct and indirect factoring
  3. Legal forms of factoring
  4. Disclosed and undisclosed factoring
  5. UNIDROIT Convention on International Factoring
- II. Forfaiting
  1. The essence of forfaiting
  2. Avalised bills of exchange and bank guarantees as security for the forfaiter
  3. Primary and secondary forfaiting transactions
- III. Leasing
  1. The essence of the financial leasing transaction
  2. UNIDROIT Convention on International Financial Leasing

**PART FIVE**

***GUARANTEES IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE***

**22. Suretyships (accessory guarantees).**

- I. General refusal of suretyships in international trade.
- II. Uniform Rules on Contract Guarantees (RUGC) ICC, 1978: Guarantees regulated by the RUGC.
- III. Uniform Rules on Contract Bonds (RUCB) ICC, 1994.

**23. Independent or abstract guarantees (first demand guarantees or bank-guarantees)**

- I. Adjustment of the independent guarantees to the needs of international relations.
- II. ICC Rules on First Demand Guarantees (RUGD, 1992).
  1. General guidelines
  2. Characteristics of guarantees.

3. Independent guarantees in the RUGD.
  - A) Content of the letter of guarantee.
  - B) Duration of guarantee.
  - C) The rule *extend or pay*.
4. Claim for the payment of guarantee.
- III. The UN Convention on Independent Guarantees and *Stand by Letters of Credit* (New York, 1995).
- IV. Fraud in the claim of payment of guaranty: preventive measures.

## **PART SIX**

### *TRANSPORTATION OF EXPORTS*

#### **24. Carriage of goods by sea**

- I. The carriage of goods in export transactions
  1. Unimodal and multimodal transport
    2. Traditional methods of transport and container transport
- II. The contract of carriage by sea
  1. Carriage covered by bill of lading or charterparty
  2. Conclusion of the contract of carriage by sea
- III. The bill of lading
  1. Nature of the bill of lading:
    - A) The bill of lading as a receipt
    - B) The bill of lading as evidence of the contract of carriage
    - C) The bill of lading as a document of title
  2. Types of bills of lading
- IV. Liability of the carrier

#### **25. Carriage of goods by air**

- I. History of the statutory scheme
- II. Damage during "carriage by air"
- III. Basic system of liability – an overview
- IV. Carrier's defences
- V. Applicability of the various regimes.
  1. The original Warsaw Convention
  2. The amended Convention
  3. The non-Convention rules
- VI. Carriage governed by the original Warsaw Convention
  1. Document of carriage
  2. Basic liability
  3. Special rights of consignor and consignee
  4. Procedure in the event of a claim
- VII. Carriage governed by the amended Warsaw Convention:
  1. Document of carriage
  2. Basic liability
  3. Special rights of consignor and consignee
  4. Procedure in the event of a claim
- IX. Non-Convention carriage: IATA carriage

#### **26. Carriage of goods by land**

- I. Carriage by rail
  1. Scope of application
  2. Making the contract
  3. Liability

- II. Carriage by road – CMR
  - 1. Scope of application
  - 2. The consignment note
  - 3. Liability of the carrier
  - 4. Time limits
  - 5. Nullity of stipulations contrary to the Convention

#### PART SEVEN

#### SETTLEMENT OF DIFFERENCES IN COMMERCIAL INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

##### **27. Conciliation of differences.**

- I. The Uncitral Conciliation Rules, 1981.
- II. ICC Conciliation Rules, 1998.

##### **28. International commercial arbitration.**

- I. The New York Convention (1958) and the Geneva Convention (1961): guidelines.
- II. The UNCITRAL Model Law on international trade arbitration.
- III. The conditions of arbitral proceedings.

The possibility of submission of the difference to arbitration.

The will of the parties.

The content and the arbitral agreement.

#### IV. Arbitration proceedings.

- 1. The New York Convention (1958) and the Geneva Convention (1961).

The UNCITRAL Guide on the organization of arbitral proceedings.

Permanent arbitral Courts: the ICC arbitral court and the International Arbitral Court of London.

- 4. General guidelines of arbitration proceedings in permanent arbitral courts.

#### VI. Recognition and execution of international awards.

- 1. Denial of recognition in the New York Convention.
- 2. Causes of nullity of final arbitral award in the Geneva Convention.

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# **POLITICAL DIMENSION OF THE EUROPEAN UNION**

Instructor: José Ramón Canedo Arrillaga

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## **METODOLOGY**

Consists on the exposition of the different topics by the lecturer and the students work in the class solving problems of private international law and cases

## **EVALUATION**

- Written exam

## **TOPICS**

### **THE POLITICAL MEANING OF THE EUROPEAN INTEGRATION PROCESS**

- 1.- From the Schuman Plan...
- 2.- to the Treaty of the European Union.
- 3.- To the European Constitution

### **THE POLITICAL DIMENSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES**

- 1.- The first steps: from the economical citizenship...
- 2.- to the citizenship of the Union
- 3.- The policies for the citizens (employment and social policy; consumers; public health; culture and tourism; education; education, training and youth policies).

### **THE POLITICAL DIMENSION OF THE EU FOREIGN POLICY**

- 1.- From the European Political Cooperation ...
- 2.- to the European Foreign and Security Policy (EFSP)
- 3.- The new European Security and Defence Policy (ESDP)

### **THE AREA OF FREEDOM, SECURITY AND JUSTICE**

- 1.- Historical evolution
- 2.- Policies for the nationals of third countries (asylum, immigration, visas...) Title IV EC Treaty (arts. 61-69).
- 3.- Judicial cooperation in civil, commercial, matrimonial and consumer matters
- 4.- Police and Judicial cooperation in criminal matters Title VI EU Treaty (arts. 29-42).

### **FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS IN THE EUROPEAN UNION**

- 1.- The lack of a catalogue for the European Union
- 2.- The protection of fundamental rights accorded by the European Court of Justice
- 3.- The path towards a formulation: the Maastricht and the Amsterdam Treaties
- 4.- The relationship between the EU and the Council of Europe
- 5.- The Charter of Fundamental Rights

# PRIVATE INTERNATIONAL LAW

Instructor: María Pilar Canedo Arrillaga.

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## CONTENTS

Explanation of the main ways of solving the problems related to the private social relations with a foreign element.

## METODOLOGY

Consists on the exposition of the different topics by the lecturer and the students work in the class solving problems of private international law and cases

## EVALUATION

- Exam (80% of the final qualification)
- Works developed by the student and supervised by the lecturer and participation in class (20% of the final mark)

## TOPICS

### FIRST PART: INTRODUCTION TO PRIVATE INTERNATIONAL LAW

#### FIRST CHAPTER: CONCEPT AND SCOPE OF PRIVATE INTERNATIONAL LAW

- I. Concept of Private International Law. Privatist conception and other theories.
  - II. Characteristics of Private International Law and its main consequences.
    - A. Main Characteristics
      1. Autonomy
      2. Exclusiveness
      3. Relativity
    - B. Main Problems related to the characteristics
      1. Problems related to legal certainty
      2. Forum shopping
      3. Failing judgements. (*Solution claudicans*)
    - C. Partial solution to the problems
      1. Related to State authorities.
      2. Related to the parties in the social relation
  - III. The denomination "Private International Law" versus "Conflict of Laws"
  - IV. Subject Matter of Private International Law.
    - A. A Private relation and what does it mean. (Horizontal relation versus vertical relation).
    - B. An International relation and what does it mean: A foreign element, its importance and different roles.
      1. Roles of the foreign element.
        - Identification role of the foreign element.
- Different theories:

Subjective,  
objective,  
juridical,  
the genuin foreign element,  
the international effect

The relative private international situation.

The concrete relation and the concrete problem.

- Normative role of the foreign element. Legislative aspect and interpretation.

2. Accreditation of the foreign element.

3. The emergent concept of "International Public Law".

#### V. Contents of Private International Law.

##### A. Three main Sectors

1. Jurisdiction. Concept and different sources

2 Law applicable. Concept, different methods of regulation and different sources.

The true conflict, the non conflict, the false conflict.

3. Recognition and Enforcement of foreign judgements. Concept and different sources

##### B. Relations between the different sectors of Private International Law.

#### VI. Connection of Private international Law with law of nationality and with legislation relating to aliens.

#### VII. Interlocal Conflict of law and Private International Law.

##### A. Different types of non unified legal systems

##### B. Scope of application of Private International Law.

## **SECOND CHAPTER: SOURCES OF SPANISH PRIVATE INTERNATIONAL LAW**

#### I. Public International Law and Private International Law.

#### II. Spanish Constitution.

##### A. Constitutional Principles

##### B. Substantial rules applicable to Private International Law

##### C. Direct reference to Private International Law

#### III. Supranational Law

##### A. International Treaties and Private International Law.

1. Procedure for the entry into effect of an International Treaty.

2. Relation between an International Treaty and an internal rule.

3. Date of entry into effect of bilateral and multilateral Treaties.

4. Scope of application of an International Treaty. Different aspects.

5. Functioning and importance of the reservations.

6. Relations between Treaties dealing with the same subjects. Vienna Convention on the Law of the Treaties. 23 May 1969.

7. Nature of International Treaties and its implication in the scope of application. (Treaties erga omnes versus inter partes).

8. Interpretation of International Treaties

9. Main International Treaties accepted by Spain in Private

International Law.

##### B. European Community Law as a source of Private International Law.

1. Public European Community Law

2. Private European Community Law.

Competition Law  
Title IV TEC.

- . Contents
- . Special scope of territorial application (opting out and opting in)
- . Powers of the European Court of Justice. (art. 68 TEC).  
Procedures of interpretation.

IV. Private sources of Private International Law: New Law Merchant

- A. Reasons of existence
- B. Contents and main characteristics.
- C. Legal value.
- D. Examples
  - 1. Incoterms
  - 2. Documentary credit

V. Municipal law as a source of Private International Law.

## **SECOND PART: RULES ON INTERNATIONAL JURISDICTION**

### **FIRST CHAPTER: INTRODUCTION TO THE RULES ON INTERNATIONAL JURISDICTION**

I. Concept of International Jurisdiction (difference with jurisdiction and internal jurisdiction).

II. Characteristics of International Jurisdiction.

- Previous.
- Global
- General
- Unilateral
- Main Consequences of unilaterality
- Unilateral limitation of International Jurisdiction and its reasons
- Rules of International jurisdiction in supranational rules

III. Immunity from legal proceedings

- Concept
- Subjects
- Scope of application: Absolute or relative interpretation
- Procedural aspects in spanish legal system

IV. Forum of International Jurisdiction

- Concept
- Main Types.
  - Depending on the nature.
    - personal
    - territorial
  - intention of the parties
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## **PUBLIC INTERNATIONAL LAW**

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