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Spain

Derecho nuclear, by Juan Manuel Ayllón Díaz-González, Editorial Comares, Granada, 1999, 803 pages

This new book devoted to nuclear law is the publication of a thesis defended at the University of Malaga, Spain. This study of the law regulating the peaceful uses of nuclear energy, while providing an in-depth analysis of the current Spanish legislation in this field, also examines all of the subjects making up this body of law and its international sources.

After an initial description of the nature and specificity of nuclear law and the historical stages of its development, as well as the legal framework surrounding nuclear activities in general (Chapters I and II), the book examines in detail the different aspects which enter into any examination of nuclear law: the division of national responsibilities in this field, including those delegated to Euratom (Chapter III); the powers of the police over nuclear activities in Spain (Chapter IV); nuclear safety and radiation protection, including its institutional and regulatory aspects in Spain (Chapters V and VI); and the compensation of nuclear damage (Chapter VII).

Considering the very detailed nature of this study, it is noteworthy that the author did not examine in depth certain recent international conventions such as the 1994 Nuclear Safety Convention, the 1997 Convention on the Safety of Spent Fuel Management and on the Safety of Radioactive Waste Management or even the Protocol to Amend the Vienna Convention on Civil Liability for Nuclear Damage. There is very little emphasis also on certain important subjects such as the physical protection of nuclear materials. This book, however, certainly provides a useful insight into the legal regime which applies in Spain to the uses of nuclear energy.

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2001 Session of the International School of Nuclear Law

The International School of Nuclear Law (ISNL) held its first session from Monday 27 August to Friday 7 September 2001. The ISNL is a programme under the joint management of the University of Montpellier I and the OECD Nuclear Energy Agency. The International Nuclear Law Association, the European Commission and the International Atomic Energy Agency also provided sponsorship or support to the organisation of this first session.

The teaching programme of the School included 10 days of classes totalling approximately 40 hours of lectures and 15 hours of practical exercises and involving 23 lecturers. Fifty law students or young professionals carrying out activities in the nuclear field, from 33 countries, participated in this session. The principal themes of study covered all the essential aspects of the law governing the uses of nuclear energy: radiation protection, nuclear safety, radioactive waste management, physical protection, non proliferation, nuclear third party liability, etc. With very few exceptions, classes took place in English.

The 2002 Session of the School will take place in Montpellier from Monday 26 August to Saturday 7 September 2002.

Further information on the organisation of the ISNL and its programme may be obtained from the NEA Secretariat, Legal Affairs, 12 bvd des Iles, 92130 Issy-les-Moulineaux, France, or on the NEA website at the following address: <http://www.nea.fr/html/law>.