

EUROPEAN SYSTEMS OF PACKAGING WASTE MANAGEMENT: ORGANIZATIONAL AND COMPETITIVE PROFILES OF THREE MODELS TO COMPARE

Summary

Starting from the Nineties with the European Directive 94/62/CE, better known as “Packaging Directive”, and on the basis of the principle of “extended producer responsibility”, almost all over Europe it’s possible to see the creation of systems of packaging waste management that have been set up among private companies for managing different types of waste and fulfilling the undertaking’s environmental liabilities.

This work aims at analyzing European systems of packaging waste management, in particular the Italian, the French and the German ones. This analysis is also accompanied by a legal survey on the nature, private or public, of the main subjects of each system and on the possible relationships between economic activities and environmental protection. In fact, although these systems obtained good managing results, they also created competitive difficulties within many product markets.