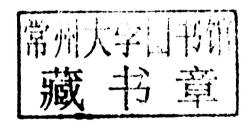
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List of Abbreviations

AB Administratiefrechtelijke Beslissingen (Journal on Case Law)

AC Law Reports Appeal Cases

ACER Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators

AFM Autoriteit Financiële Markten (Financial Markets Authority)

ALL E.R. All England Reports

ARSP Archiv für Rechts- und Sozialphilosophie

AZR Ausländerzentralregister

BEREC Body of European Regulators for Electronic Communications

B.vE Bundesgesetz über die verdeckte Ermittlung

BVerfG Bundesverfassungsgericht
BverwGE Bundesverwaltungsgericht
BImSchG Bundes-Immissionsschutzgesetz

CBP College Bescherming Persoonsgegevens

CC Conseil constitionnel

CEBS Committee of European Banking Supervisors

CEEP European Centre of Employers and Enterprice Providing Public

Service

CEIOPS Committee of European Insurance and Occupational Pension

Supervisors

CESR Committee of European Securities Supervisors
CFI Court of First Instance (Court of Justice EU)

CLA Collective Labour Agreement
CLP Current Legal Problems

CML.Rev. Common Market Law Review

CLWP Commission's Legislative and Work Programme

DNB De Nederlandsche Bank
DPC Data Protection Convention

List of Abbreviations

DuD Zeitschrift Datenschutz und Datensicherheit

EACH European Association of Central Counterparty Clearing Houses

EC European Commission

ECA European Collective Agreement ECJ European Court of Justice

ECHR European Convention of Human Rights
ECtHR European Court of Human Rights

ECLAN European Criminal Law Academic Network

ECR European Court of Justice Reports

ECSA European Community Shipowners Association
ECSDA European Central Securities Depositories Association

EDPS European Data Protection Supervisor

EEA European Economic Area
EES European Employment Strategy

EESC European Economic and Social Committee
EGAOB European Group of Audit Oversight Bodies
EIPA European Institution of Public Administration

EJSB Eurojust Joint Supervisory Board EJSS European Journal Social Security

ElRev European Law Review
EP European Parliament
ESC European Social Charter
ESD European Social Dialogue
ETF European Training Foundation

ETUC European Trade Union Confederation

EWC European Works Council

FESE Federation of European Securities Exchanges

FSA Financial Services Authority

GALA (Dutch) General Administrative Law Act

GG Grundgesetz

HMSO Her Majesty's Stationery Office

HRA Human Rights Act

ICESCR International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural

Rights

IGC Intergovernmental Conference ILO International Labour Organization

IWCFC Interim Working Committee on Financial Conglomerates

JB Jurisprudentie Bestuursrecht JBPlus Jurisprudentie Bestuursrecht Plus

JHA Justice and Home Affairs JIT Joint Investigation Teams

LJN Landelijk Jurisprudentie Nummer

M&M Markt & Mededinging

MiFID Markets in Financial Instruments MoU Memorandum of Understanding NCA National Competition Authority
 NJ Nederlandse Jurisprudentie
 NJV Nederlandse Juristen-Vereniging
 NJW Neue Juridische Wochenschrift
 NRA National Regulatory Authority
 NTB Nederlands Tijdschrift Bestuursrecht

NTER Nederlands Tijdschrift voor Europees Recht

NVzW Neue Zeitschrift für Verwaltungsrecht

NYR Not Yet Reported

OECD Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development

OJ Official Journal of the EC OMC Open Method of Coordination OVG Oberverwaltungsgericht

PJCC Police and Judicial Cooperation in Criminal matters

QB Law Reports Queen's Bench

REALaw Review of European Administrative Law

SCE European Cooperative Society (Societas Cooperativa

Europaea)

SDC Social Dialogue Committee

SE European Company (Societas Europaea)

SEA Single European Act

SEW Tijdschrift voor Europees en economisch recht (Dutch

Magazine)

SME Small and Medium Enterprise(s)
SPA Social Policy Agreement
TCN Third Country National

TEC Treaty of the European Communities

TEEC Treaty on the European Economic Community

TEU Treaty on the European Union

TFEU Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union

TILEC Tilburg Law and Economics Center

UEAPME European Association of Craft, Small and Medium-sized

Enterprises

UNICE Union of Industrial and Employers' Confederations of Europe

VIS Visa Information System
VwVfG Verwaltungsverfahrensgesetz
Wash. and Washington and Lee Law Review

Lee L. Rev.

Wft Wet op het financieel toezicht

WL Westlaw

WLR Weekly Law Reports

WPPJ Working Party on Police and Justice

WRR Wetenschappelijke Raad voor het Regeringsbeleid

Preface

For lawyers legality seems a very well known phenomenon, as it is a basic notion in many areas of law. It means that a particular rule or act has to be based on acts adopted by Parliament. Sometimes it even has a more specific meaning in specific areas of law.

In this study we studied legality, however, from a different perspective: that of the European Union, and, in more specifically, that of the multi-layered legal order. Is legality a useful concept in this perspective and what does it mean in this context?

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