

Albania

The Republic of Albania is a party to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT), as well as the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC), the Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention (BTWC) and the Comprehensive Nuclear Test-Ban Treaty (CTBT). According to the article 122 of the Albanian Constitution, all international conventions and agreements after being ratified by the Albanian Parliament, are part of Albanian domestic legislative system and they prevail over domestic legislation.

Albania criminal code article 202 imposes a criminal sanction for the importation of toxic and radioactive materials into Albania.

Albania criminal code article 232 imposes a criminal sanction for the delivery in the air, land or water of substances which constitute danger to the life and health of people and animals, with the intent of seriously disturbing public order and instilling uncertainty to the public, is sentenced from ten to twenty years of imprisonment.

Albania criminal code article 234 imposes a possible sentence of from five to fifteen years of imprisonment for producing, storing, transporting of military, chemical, biological, nuclear weapons which have poisonous or explosive base, with the intent of committing acts of terrorism, is sentenced.

Albania criminal code article 281 imposes a possible fine or sentence up to ten years imprisonment for breaching stipulated rules for keeping, manufacturing, using, storing, transporting and selling poisonous substances with strong effect, constitutes criminal contravention. When the criminal act has led to death, serious harm to the health of people or other serious material consequences, it is sentenced to a fine or up to ten years of imprisonment.

The Ministry of Defense controls the export-import of military goods and technology through MEICO (Military Export Import Company), in compliance with the respective decisions of the Albanian Government. Only MEICO has the authority to negotiate with foreign contractors.

Albania has laws regulating radioactive material and laws regulating items of military character.