

THE CRIMINAL ACT OF MATCH FIXING

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Summary: The Criminal Act of Match Fixing is regulated under article 208b of the Criminal Code of the Republic of Serbia. Legal norm prescribing that criminal act has been analysed and clarified within this paper. In addition to this, the author presented the history of Serbian legislation regulating that type of criminal act and has made a comparison between the existing legal norm and the legal norm that prescribed the same criminal act within article 255z of the former Criminal Law of Serbia. Special attention was devoted to the presentation of not only legislative practice, but also of the practice of application of the relevant laws in Great Britain, Italy, Bulgaria, Germany and France. Besides that, within this paper, concrete measures for improvement of the existing Serbian legal framework were formulated and proposed and it has been pointed out to an urgent need to amend the content of the article 208b of the Criminal Code of the Republic of Serbia in Dejan Šuput [98] NBP • Žurnal za kriminalistiku i pravo order to establish the appropriate legal ground for effective fight against match fixing and improved performance of Serbian judiciary system in that field. The conclusion was drawn that Serbian legislative practice is not in line with the best European practices in that field and that Serbian legislator was inconsistent in the penal policy prescribed by the articles of the Criminal Code.