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**Nuclear Law by Stephen Tromans, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition, March 2010, Hart Publishing.**

“This book is a practical guide to the international, EC and UK law applying to the various uses of nuclear energy and radioactive substances. The first edition was produced in 1997 (by Sweet & Maxwell) and given the renaissance of interest in nuclear power in the UK and worldwide, this new, updated and much expanded edition is timely. It will cover the law relating to the permitting and operation of nuclear power stations, the decommissioning and clean-up of former nuclear facilities, radiological protection, the management of radioactive waste and spent fuel, liability and insurance, and the security and transport of radioactive materials. Readers will find a clear framework explaining the development and application of nuclear law, and how domestic law is based on and influenced by international and European requirements and by its historical context. In the commercial context, the chapters dealing specifically with new build and with decommissioning will be vital reading.

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« Ce livre récapitule toutes les implications scientifiques, techniques et politiques de la découverte et de l'utilisation civile et militaire de l'énergie atomique depuis son origine, la découverte des rayons X par Roentgen en 1895, jusqu'à l'espoir de domestiquer la fusion nucléaire, avec le réacteur international ITER lancé en 2005. Il n'ignore aucun pays ouvertement ou subrepticement impliqué dans cette période ni ne passe sous silence que les remarquables réussites techniques ont été ponctuées d'échecs (Fermi-1), d'accidents (Tchernobyl), de pollution (Mayaki) et d'une démoniaque course aux armements (MAD) tempérée de pourparlers (SALT), il ne néglige pas davantage les réticences du public à adopter une production d'énergie qui reste l'une des moins dommageables pour l'environnement malgré ses déchets radioactifs. C'est donc une vaste fresque qui se veut complète et honnête et dont il n'existe pas d'équivalent. »

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Europäisches Atomhaftungsrecht im Umbruch / European Nuclear Liability Law in a Process of Change

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The proceedings present the papers and discussion reports of an international conference which for the first time dealt with the current topical issues of European nuclear liability law.

The European nuclear liability law provides a “patchwork pattern” consisting of provisions of different origin. A number of States are Party to the Paris Convention on Third Party Liability in the Field of Nuclear Energy. Other European States are Party to the Vienna Convention on Civil Liability for Nuclear Damage. A third group takes the view that the conventions are inappropriate instruments and applies general national tort law to the compensation of nuclear damage. One State issued special nuclear liability legislation which conceptually conflicts with the principles of the international nuclear liability conventions. In the event of a major nuclear incident causing transboundary nuclear damage, this legal situation would considerably complicate and hamper the compensation of damage. The international nuclear liability conventions were recently revised with a view to improving the protection of victims. The ratification procedures of the revision protocols are pending. At the same time, the Commission of the EU started an initiative presumably aimed at harmonising nuclear liability law within the EU Member States. Finally the USA, at the worldwide level, urges States to accede to the 1997 Convention on Supplementary Compensation for Nuclear Damage, which, with only one exception, no European State is adhering to so far.

Experts from numerous European and non-European States discussed the problems connected with this unsatisfactory legal situation from the point of view of national and international law, including the law of conflicts and international procedural law. The volume therefore presents a comprehensive overview of a challenging field of law.