

## Legal determination of money laundering in a comprehensive approach

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### Abstract

This article analyzes the legal determinants of Money laundering referring to international legal acts and the national legislation of selected countries. The proper legal terminology of money laundering is hiding the true nature of the source, location, transferring of the real rights of ownership, having the knowledge that such “wealth” derives from a criminal activity. Money laundering is the process that makes “dirty money” appear legitimate, a criminal activity that encompasses the efforts to hide or camouflage criminal profit. Analyzing the legal dispositions attributable to money laundering, there are no substantial differentiations about this phenomenon. However, different countries do not have a consistent approach regarding Money laundering deriving from all sorts of criminal activity. Some countries criminalize every activity aiming at legitimizing criminal income; other countries have penal responsibility in the cases when money laundering is linked only to legalizing income from certain criminal acts.

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