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The Government Bill on Port Legislation Reform

The government bill, reviewed in this article, intends to reform the port legislation. The bill considers ports as Italian strategic infrastructures and the reform of the laws in force as essential in order to meet the needs of today’s ports. Law No. 84 of January 28, 1994, on “reorganization of legislation on port matters”, established a modern port management system and a new agency, the Port Authority, which was entrusted with port management, alongside the Maritime Authority. This law, to be reformed, raises some problems with respect to infrastructures and organization which need to be solved to update Italian ports to the needs of today’s world traffic, and to revitalize the national port sector, encouraging new investments on infrastructures. A reform of the law on ports is even more necessary after the 2001 amendment of the Constitution. Under paragraph 3 of Article 117 of the Constitution, State and Regions have “concurrent” legislative powers on regulation of civil ports.