

'Money laundering' isn't a new activity, the tendency of hiding the illegal origin of some sums and giving them a seeming legality and honesty and respect to these sums' owners, has old origins. There can be mentioned the Middle Age merchants and usurers who, for hiding the received interests for the loans that they have been giving, under the circumstances in which the Catholic Church had forbidden the usury, they came to a vary number of financial tricks, that correspond, in many of the cases, to the nowadays funds recycling techniques. Being a complex process, money laundering passes through a lot of levels and involves a lot of persons and institutions. Funds recycling is a complex process through which the incomes from a criminal activity are transported, transferred, changed or mixed up with legitimate funds, for hiding its basis or the property right on those profits. The need of money recycling comes out of the willing to hide a criminal activity. It is the most dangerous element of the underground Economy and consists of: the production, spreading and drugs using activities, weapons traffic, nuclear materials traffic, car steeling, prostitution, flesh traffic, corruption, blackmail, falsifying coins or other values, contraband, etc. The facts, themselves, ask for a juridical stipulation, but analyzing it as a phenomenon, comes out that the social danger known by the society is doubled by an Economic danger, equally bad, even if it is less obvious and studied.

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