

The Italian Port System: Technical-Nautical Services and Port Activities

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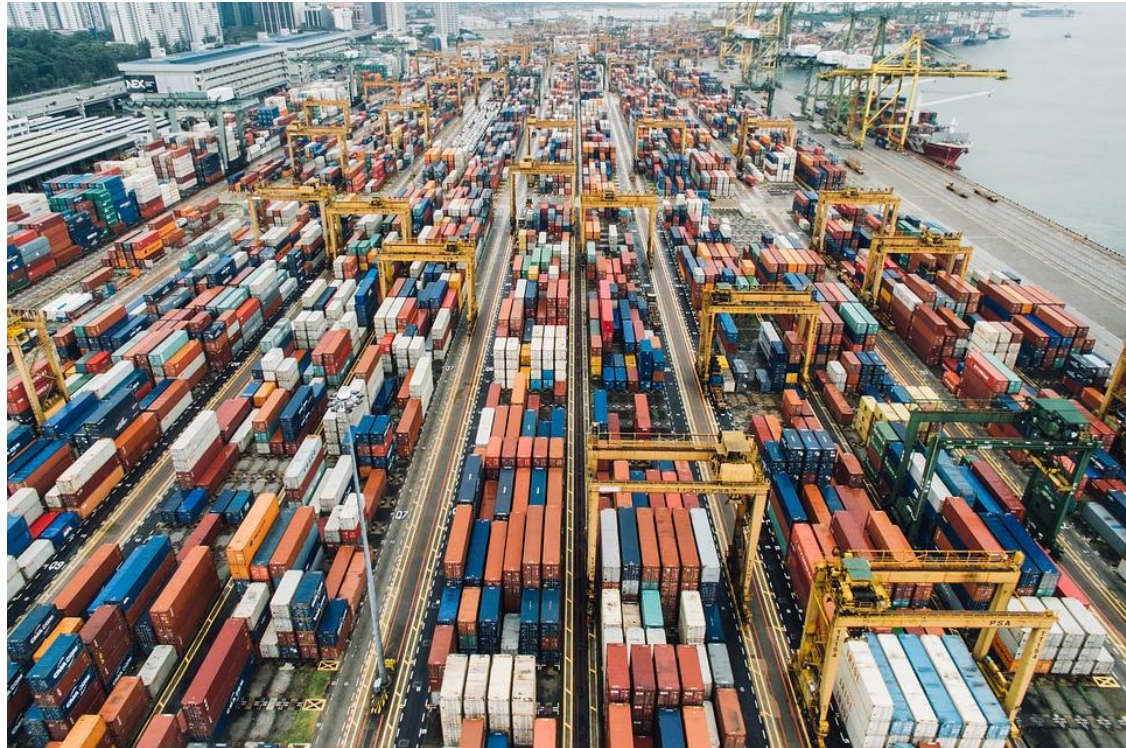
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“The attractiveness of maritime transport is dependent on the availability, efficiency and reliability of port services”

EU Commission



Different Institutional-legal status of the body which administers ports

- State-administered ports
- Municipally-administred ports
- Autonomously-administered ports
- Privately managed ports

Different management

- Ports as areas where public services are provided
 - Special protection to dock-workers
- Ports as areas for business activities

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Court of Justice of the EU C-179/90

Italian rules induced:

- to demand payment for services which have not been requested;
- to charge disproportionate prices;
- to refuse to have recourse to modern technology → increase in the cost of the operations; prolongation of the time required for their performance

• Pilotage

the guidance service of a waterborne vessel by a pilot or a pilotage station in order to allow for safe entry or exit of the waterborne vessel in the waterway access to the port or safe navigation within the port

•Towage

the assistance given to a waterborne vessel by means of a tug in order to allow for a safe entry or exit of the port or safe navigation within the port by providing assistance to the manoeuvring of the waterborne vessel

• Mooring

the berthing and unberthing services, including shifting along the quayside, that are required for the safe operation of a waterborne vessel in the port or in the waterway access to the port