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## WESTERN INFLUENCES - FROM ANCIENT TRADE REGULATIONS TO MODERN TIMES REGULATIONS IN BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

**Abstract:** *The authors examine the legal-historical aspect of the development of commercial business and the influence of the state on it. Trade protection has been subject to legal regulation since antiquity and Roman law. In Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Croatian territory, medieval legal monuments have been preserved, including international ones that standardize trade practice and provide it with state protection without which there is no development, such as charters and trade agreements. In Croatia, the influence of the rulers was analysed on the example of the Golden Bull of Gradec from 1242, the Statute of Rijeka from 1530, especially, and still significant today, the quick resolution of commercial disputes. Contemporary trends can be seen in the regulation of trade, especially maritime trade during the 18<sup>th</sup> century with the development of the so-called free ports, establishment of trading companies and administrative regulations. A new era begins with the arrival of Napoleon and the introduction of French regulations, and then the Austrian General Civil Code (ABGB). ABGB saw its application in the territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina, where there is a legally interesting connection of Western, European law with earlier Turkish law. It is also a signpost for today's aspirations of Bosnia and Herzegovina towards western integration, an important part of which are trade regulations.*

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