

Croatia

Criminal Code

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Establishment of Slavery and Transport of Slaves

Article 175

1. Whoever, in violation of the rules of international law, places another in slavery or in a similar status or keeps him in such a status, buys, sells, hands over to another person or mediates in the purchase, sale or handing over of such a person or induces someone else to sell his freedom or the freedom of the person he provides for or takes care of shall be punished by imprisonment for one to ten year.
2. Whoever, in violation of the rules of international laws, buys, sells, hands over to another person or mediates in the purchase, sale or handing over of a child or a minor for the purposes of adoption, transplantation of organs, exploitation by labour, minors, or for other illicit purposes shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than five years.
3. Whoever, in violation of the rules of international law, transports persons who are in a position of slavery or in a similar status shall be punished by imprisonment for six months to five years.

Illegal Transfer of Persons Across the State Border

Article 177

1. Whoever, for lucrative purposes, illicitly transfers across the state border a person or a number of persons shall be punished by a fine or by imprisonment not exceeding one year.
2. Whoever organises the perpetration of the criminal offences referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article shall be punished by imprisonment for six months to five years.
3. An attempt to commit the criminal offence referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article shall be punished.

International Prostitution

Article 178

1. Whoever procures, entices or leads away another person to offer sexual services for profit within a state excluding the one in which such a person has residence or of which he is a citizen shall be punished by imprisonment for three months to three years.
2. Whoever, by force or threat to use force or deceit, coerces or induces another person to go to the state in which he has no residence or of which he is not a citizen, for the purpose of offering sexual services upon payment, shall be punished by imprisonment for six months to five years.

3. If the criminal offence referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 of this Article is committed against a child or a minor, the perpetrator shall be punished by imprisonment for one to ten years.
4. The fact whether the person procured, enticed, led away, forced or deceived into prostitution has already been engaged in prostitution is of no relevance for the existence of a criminal offence.