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Human trafficking and forced labour

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Repressing "caporalato" and preventing the "state of need" of the foreign worker: two sides of the same medal

In the following paper, moving from the description of the phenomenon of "caporalato," measures are proposed to combat this inhumane practice, which is still widespread in our country today. In particular, after analyzing the two cases, "illicit intermediation" and "exploitation of labor," included by the legislator in the Criminal Code through Article 603-bis, the element that perhaps contributes most to the survival of "caporalato" is highlighted: the "state of need" of the victims of labor exploitation. It is thus illustrated how the prevention of this condition of distress, which, as will be seen, underlies the blackmailability of exploited subjects, can be an effective method of countering the illegal activity of inter-mediation in the labor market and the exploitation that follows.