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PROBLEMATIC ISSUES OF PREVENTING CONFLICT OF INTEREST IN THE NATIONAL POLICE OF UKRAINE

The article investigates problematic issues of preventing conflict of interest in the National Police of Ukraine. It is pointed out that a single object of anti-corruption policy in the public administration sector, concerns the public in many countries, became contradictions between private and official interests that affect the virtue of the official decision-making mechanism, that is, conflicts of interest. A number of national and international legal instruments are aimed at resolving this problem.

Relevance of the investigated direction is substantiated by the analysis of statistical indicators of the National Bureau of Corruption Prevention and the National Police of Ukraine. The analysis of the researched data showed that the overwhelming majority of protocols on administrative offences related to corruption were drawn up for violation of requirements for prevention and settlement of a conflict of interest, namely, failure to inform a person about the existence of a real conflict of interest and committing actions/decisions in conditions of a real conflict of interest. Out of all complaints concerning the commission of corruption offences by employees of police bodies and units, 22 per cent were confirmed to the Department for the Prevention of Corruption and Lustration of the National Police.

Determining the problematic issues of preventing conflict of interest, the regulatory and legal framework for preventing corruption in Ukraine and the regulation and prevention of conflict of interest in the public administration system was considered. It has been established that it has absorbed the best world practices, including the experience of democratic and developed countries in resolving conflicts

of interest. The concept of "potential conflict of interest" and "real conflict of interest" in the National Police of Ukraine has been analyzed separately.

The main problem of the proceedings on violation of the anticorruption legislation on conflict of interest is the lack of the event or offence composition. According to par. 3 of the Information letter of the Higher Specialized Court of Ukraine on consideration of civil and criminal cases dated May 22, 2017 No. 223-943 / 0 / 4-17 "On bringing to administrative responsibility for certain offenses related to corruption", for a real conflict of interests it is necessary to confirm (prove) four legal facts that are mandatory for assessment of the decision as such, which is adopted in conditions of real conflict of interests.

With those structures in mind, it has been summed up that in order to prevent conflicts of interest in the National Police of Ukraine, it is necessary to eliminate the private interest of a police officer and really influence the contradictions between private interest and official decision-making powers.

Keywords: corruption, conflict of interests, National Police of Ukraine, prevention, anti-corruption legislation.

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