

open. Therefore, the role of customs authorities in ensuring fair and transparent trade and preventing unfair competition is becoming increasingly important.

Continuous improvement of customs legislation, as well as improvements in customs control methods, the introduction of modern technologies, advanced training of customs authorities, as well as the introduction of more stringent penalties applied to persons who have committed administrative offenses will enhance the efficiency of customs authorities and prevent illegal actions in the field of foreign trade and movement of goods across the customs border.

Thus, it should be noted that the activities of the customs authorities of the Republic of Belarus in the prevention of administrative offenses are an integral part of ensuring the security of the state border and economic stability. In turn, the work of customs authorities to prevent crime, comply with customs legislation and ensure the legality of trade is important for the development of the economy and society as a whole.

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THE ROLE OF CUSTOMS IN ENHANCING NATIONAL SECURITY

Research Field:
Customs in the context of globalization and regionalization.

In modern conditions, one of the main issues of the country's economic development is its national security. Integration processes in the modern economic space are objective in essence and significant in their manifestation. They largely determine the vector of economic development at the mega- and macro-levels and affect the position and degree of success of functioning of individual economic structures.

For the Republic of Belarus, its membership in the EAEU is of particular importance. Belarusian scientists discuss and consider various opinions about the prospects of Belarus' integration with Russia. In particular, it is noted that «in the conditions of instability and even unpredictability of the policy of the leading world powers, the strategic importance of integration unions increases»¹.

During the XI Meeting of Security Representatives held in Istra on May 23-25 under the auspices of the Russian Security Council, Elena Danilova, Deputy Director of the Integration

¹ Economic integration - an important factor of security in Eurasia [Electronic resource]. - Access mode: https://eec.eaeunion.org/comission/departament/dep_razv_integr/novosti/evraziyskaya-integratsiyafaktor-obespecheniya-ekonomicheskoy-bezopasnosti/. - Date of access: 11.04.2024.

Development Department of the Eurasian Economic Commission (hereinafter - EEC), described a number of key points regarding the positive dynamics of Eurasian integration processes and the achievements of the Eurasian Economic Union (hereinafter - EAEU), which will celebrate its 10th anniversary next year. The speech emphasized «that the EAEU demonstrates important achievements that allow it to become a significant player in the multipolar world and an attractive integration union for neighboring countries».

Reviewing the main macroeconomic indicators of the EAEU, Danilova noted positive dynamics such as GDP per capita growth, an increase in mutual trade of the Union's member states, as well as an increase in agricultural production and inflation in the region. According to her, "resource security is ensured in the EAEU space, which is confirmed by the presence of all major types of resources, including oil, gas, steel and electricity, as well as food, energy and financial security. She emphasized that the level of the Union's provision with agricultural products and food amounted to 92.6% in 2022, with member states having export potential in the areas of grain, pork, poultry, eggs, vegetable oils and being able to ensure food security on a global scale. In the framework of energy security, Danilova mentioned the creation of a common electricity market in the EAEU, which is scheduled for completion by 2025. She also noted the active interaction between the national payment systems of the member countries, which led to an increase in the share of settlements in national currencies. In addition, speaking about the EAEU's partnerships with the SCO, BRICS and the development of transport corridors in Eurasia, she emphasized «the importance of strengthening the common transport space for the sake of transport security in the region». According to her, Eurasian integration is in line with the principles of economic security and predictability of world trade. In conclusion, the EEC representative emphasized that the EAEU continues to function effectively, withstanding crisis challenges in the global economy, and remains an important factor in Eurasian integration.

Customs authorities occupy a special place in the system of state administration. They are involved in the realization of both internal (creating conditions for economic development; ensuring normal living conditions and safety of society and the individual; ensuring the formation of the state budget; environmental protection, etc.) and external (maintaining peace and ensuring peaceful coexistence; protecting independence and its territories in the process of integration into the world economy; protecting interests in foreign trade; creating partnerships to solve global problems) functions of the state¹. In this regard, customs integration involves the creation of a single customs union or free trade area between several countries in order to simplify customs procedures, eliminate trade barriers, stimulate economic growth and promote

¹ Osadchaya G. I. I. Difficulties of economic integration of the EAEU member states and opportunities to overcome them / G. I Osadchaya, M.L. Vartanova // Economic Relations. - 2018, - VOL. 8. - NO. 4 - P. 213.

better control over the movement of goods and people across borders. One of its main contributions to national security is the fight against smuggling, through joint customs activities and exchange of information between countries, through which illegal trade and transportation of illicit goods across borders can be significantly reduced. This fact will directly contribute to national security, as smuggling can be linked to the financing of terrorist organizations and other illegal activities. In addition, customs integration contributes to better monitoring and control of border crossings. Through the cooperation of customs authorities of different countries, it is possible to detect and prevent attempts to illegally move dangerous substances, weapons, drugs and other items that pose a threat to security.

Thus, customs integration makes a significant contribution to national security by enhancing cooperation between countries in combating smuggling, illegal movements and other types of crossborder crime. The development of customs integration contributes to a more secure and stable environment for the life and economic development of nations.

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SOCIO-PSYCHOLOGICAL TRAINING AS A METHOD OF EDUCATION OF CUSTOMS OFFICERS

Research Field:
Customs in the age of globalization and regionalization

Professional and psychological training of customs officers is one of the most important factors for the successful functioning of the customs and law enforcement system as a whole. Today, the quality and efficiency of performing operational and service tasks assigned to customs authorities is associated with an increased risk to the life and health of employees, their exposure to stress, professional deforming influences. Customs officers are subjected to psychological and physical stress on a daily basis, which, in turn, requires high professional training. Professional training is determined by the complexity and large volume of tasks, elements of surprise, and requires making quick decisions in a limited time. One of the main problems of professional and psychological training of customs officers is the lack of a service in the country that would solve such tasks as analyzing the impact of customs activities on the psyche of employees; conditions for improving the effectiveness of professional training of