

INSPECTION COMPLEXES AS EFFECTIVE MEANS OF CUSTOMS CONTROL

ИНСПЕКЦИОННО-ДОСМОТРОВЫЕ КОМПЛЕКСЫ КАК ЭФФЕКТИВНЫЕ СРЕДСТВА ТАМОЖЕННОГО КОНТРОЛЯ

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The objects that are transported across the border are subject to a special check. Customs officials have technical means of customs control to carry out this check. Nowadays technical means of customs control are being improved actively. Inspection complexes (IC) are used to check objects of large dimensions and weight, having a specific composition of construction materials [1].

Inspection complexes are one of the most effective means of customs control, which allow reducing the time vehicles spend on the border. On average, it takes 10 minutes to get an image of a car and transported goods on the monitor without opening and unloading a cargo vehicle, dismantling the components of the body of a car [2].

Inspection complexes in accordance with their functional purpose can be classified into:

- Inspection complexes for introscopy of cars, minibuses, trailers, individual cargo packages, not exceeding the weight of about 3 tons and the sizes of passenger cars.
- Inspection complexes for introscopy of large-sized objects (containers, trailers, refrigerators, railway carriages) [3].

Mobile inspection apparatus is considered one of the modern means of control. Checking objects by means of it doesn't create any threats to goods and transport. Ionizing radiation is used for scanning. An object doesn't become dangerously radioactive after the examination. The protection of population from radiation is ensured by establishing a restricted access zone. Unauthorized persons are prohibited to stay there during the operation of an inspection complex. In most cases, the installation of stationary apparatuses is impractical due to the high efficiency of mobile customs inspection complexes. The use of such complexes increases significantly the speed of execution of customs procedures, reduces the duration of control. It takes from 15 to 60 minutes to deploy a mobile customs inspection complex.

But there are also disadvantages of inspection complexes. Mobile inspection complexes allow obtaining X-ray images in only one projection. At the same time, it is impossible to distinguish the materials from which the objects and parts of a vehicle are made. The X-ray machines, which are used while checking

the accompanied luggage of citizens, have these functions. This circumstance limits the capacities of mobile complexes in detection of concealments [2].

Today 10 inspection complexes are exploited by customs authorities in Belarus.

Since 2009, the mobile inspection complex has been used at the checkpoints on the Belarusian-Polish and Belarusian-Ukrainian borders. In 2011, the country's first stationary inspection complex, which was designed for X-ray scanning of cargo vehicles, was put into operation at "Kozlovichi" checkpoint.

The rail customs inspection complex is the third scanning complex, operating in Brest customs. The complex is equipped with the technology of rapid control, due to which moving carriages can be "shined through". The speed of the convoy should be within the range of 8-30 km/h. The system helps an operator to detect prohibited items hidden in loaded railway vehicles and cargoes without opening them [6].

In 2017, the Customs Service of Belarus carried out customs control of about 215 thousand vehicles by means of inspection complexes. The effectiveness of customs inspection increased till 70% [4].

Since the beginning of the year, more than 16.5 thousand customs inspections were carried out in the region of Vitebsk Customs with the use of the inspection complex. Almost 30% of cases of violations of customs legislation were revealed after sending vehicles for thorough inspection.

Thanks to the use of the inspection complexes and the professionalism of the customs officers, in December 2017 there was suppressed an attempt to import the largest consignment of dangerous narcotic drug hashish into the territory of the Eurasian Economic Union – more than 355 kg. The concealments were detected as a result of the cargo scanning in the inspection complex [5].

The use of an inspection complex has proved its effectiveness in practice. First of all, it reduces significantly the time a vehicle spends at the customs checkpoint. An inspection complex allows customs officers to scan any cargo and get an image of the goods being transported without opening a vehicle, as well as to detect illegally transported goods.

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