Stashchak A.Yu., Shendryk V.V. Scientific interpretation of the concept "principles of operational-search activities of criminal police units". The article deals with theoretical problems of determining the content of the definition of "principles of operational and search activity of criminal police units". The conducted analysis revealed, first, the existing diversity of approaches and opinions, formulated as a result of discussing the most painful and acute aspects, which accordingly requires a comprehensive approach to the consideration and definition of the content of the concept of "operational and search activities". Secondly, it is determined that in recent years there has been an ongoing debate among legal professionals on the subject of limitation of the constitutional rights and freedoms of a person in the course of operational search activities. This, on the one hand, is caused by a large number of violations in the said field by practitioners, and, on the other, by a lack of understanding of the basic provisions in terms of conducting operational-search measures in the form of uncertainty about the use of PRD princes in the process of combating crime. In order to achieve this goal, the author examines the semantics of the concept under study, the existing opinions of domestic and foreign scientists, presents fundamentally different views and critically analyzes them. As a result of the conducted research, it is stated that the definition of "principles of operational and search activity of criminal police units" should be understood to be guided by the current legislation guiding and fundamental ideas that are not violated and generally define the paradigm, fundamental course, boundaries and boundaries investigative measures, the use of operative-search forces and means in the day-to-day activities of criminal police units aimed at investigative counteraction to crime.

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