Dmytro M. Korniyenko, Yuriy M. Pavlyutin. The essence of the mechanism of administrative and legal support of service and combat activity of security forces (on the example of the National Guard of Ukraine). The article emphasizes that the administrative and legal support of the security forces involves the implementation of the state through a set of legal norms, regulations and means of regulating public relations in the field of security and defense. The narrow definition of administrative and legal support is aimed precisely at the service and combat activities of the security forces.

It has been offered to consider administrative and legal maintenance of service and combat activity of security forces as implementation by the state by means of legal norms, instructions and means of streamlining of set of the coordinated and interconnected preventive, protective, mode, isolation-restrictive measures (actions) of bodies, divisions, parts. and individual officials of the security forces, which are carried out in order to ensure the implementation of the tasks facing the security forces in accordance with the law in peacetime and in wartime, as well as crisis situations that threaten national security.

The consideration of the mechanism of administrative and legal support of service and combat activity of security forces as a set of legal means, measures and methods by means of which regulation of public relations in the field of service and combat activity of security forces is carried out is substantiated.

It has been concluded that the elements of the mechanism of administrative and legal support of the service and combat activities of the security forces include: public relations in the field of providing the service and combat activities of the security forces; authorized subjects of power of the security forces in the field of security and combat activities of the security forces; administrative and legal relations that take place in the process of ensuring the service and combat activities of the security forces; guarantees, measures, means, forms and methods of ensuring the service and combat activities of the security forces.

It has been established that a promising area of development of the security and defense sector of the country may be the adoption of a separate Concept of administrative and legal support of combat operations in the field of security and defense (including combat operations of security forces) or other separate regulations.

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