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### **SOURCES OF DANGER TO THE REGIME OF PROPRIETARY INFORMATION IN LAW ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY**

Functioning of state institutions is impossible without a certain amount of proprietary information that ensures proper organization of their work. Proprietary information is intended to ensure the confidentiality of information created or received by employees in the performance of their duties from unlawful disclosure, use, alteration or destruction, the rights and legitimate interests of individuals and legal entities. Intensive information and technological development has led to the creation of opportunities for relatively easy and quick obtainment of any information.

As stated in the Concept of Technical Protection of Information in Ukraine, at the present stage of development of information technologies there is the possibility of leakage of information, violation of its integrity and blocking. In turn, the leaked information of state or other secret provided by law as well as proprietary information is one of the main potential threats to the national security of Ukraine in the information sector. Therefore, the legislator considers protection of proprietary information at the equal level with state and other kinds of secrets to be one of the main principles of technical protection of information.

The high latency of such offenses by workers of law enforcement agencies is explained: by unrecognition of the illegalness of disclosure of proprietary secrets – 15.0%, lack of definition of all the elements of the regime of official secrecy in law – 27.3% and understatement of such cases by officials of relevant body – 35.3%.

As for the responsibility of a small group of individuals who have been found guilty of divulging proprietary secrets in bodies of internal affairs of Ukraine, 44.1% of them had not been punished, 44.7% were brought to disciplinary liability, 5.6% borne administrative liability, 2.9% – borne criminal liability, and 2.6% compensated damages in civil proceedings. Thus, disclosure of proprietary secrets in law enforcement agencies in Ukraine under the current legislation and the real situation is unpunished in 44–45 out of 100 cases.

The regime of official secret in law enforcement agencies, as the regime of any secret, provides protection of confidential information that is official secret, through organizational, legal, engineering, cryptographic, operational and even psychological measures. The mechanism of administrative and legal support of official secret in bodies of internal affairs of Ukraine is essentially a set of administrative and legal measures aimed at achieving information security of law enforcement agencies of Ukraine. As evidenced by the provided information, this mechanism needs further improvement.

