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SHADOW ECONOMY AS A THREAT TO NATIONAL SECURITY OF UKRAINE

Paper emphasizes that the shadowing of the domestic economy becomes especially urgent, as it is a significant threat to the national security of the country in the economic

sphere, constrains the socio-economic development of the country and is often combined with the general criminalization of society. Therefore paper substantiates the expediency of considering the main manifestations of the shadow economy as a threat to the national security of Ukraine in order to counteract effectively it.

In particular, it turns out that the level of the shadow economy refers to the main criteria that underlie the system of indicators of national and economic security of the country. This conclusion is based on the evidence that the shadow economy violates economic and political stability in the country, leads to the formation of a shadow power in the state of the political and economic elite, is directly related to the criminalization of the economy and society and the rapid spread of corruption, leads to a reduction of opportunities business entities to protect their private property rights, to the destruction of the mechanisms of market competition, to the growth of social differentiation (stratification) of society, to a sharp decline

It is emphasized that due to the existence of the shadow economy, such dangerous social and economic phenomena as legalization (laundering) of the proceeds from crime, unproductive outflow (withdrawal) of capital abroad, in the presence of the need for investment resources in the legal economy, are carried out in the country. It has been determined that the shadowing of economic and financial activity also causes a change in the structure of cash in favor of cash.

The scientific views on the generation of corruption in the economy by shadow economy are supported, and corruption, in turn, is the shadowing of the economy. It is established that corruption is one of the institutions of the shadow economy.

Paper also focuses on the fact that the high level of economic shadowing has a very negative effect on the image of the country, its competitiveness and production potential, the effectiveness of structural and institutional reforms, and constrains the inflow of foreign investment into the country.

It is substantiated that all the processes taking place in a society, all aspects of social life – economy, politics, state administration, social and spiritual spheres, international relations and external activities of domestic business entities suffer from the negative influence of the shadow economy. As a result, paper concludes on the expediency of making the economy shrugged off on the basis of taking into account the factors of influence of the shadow economy and its elements (corruption, bribery, etc.) on the economic security of Ukraine.

Keywords: shadow economy, national security, economic security, criminalization of the economy, "merging" of business with the government, raiding, legalization (laundering) of criminally obtained income, corruption, unproductive capital outflow, competitiveness.

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