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## **PUBLIC PURCHASES IN UKRAINE: LEGAL ANALYSIS OF INNOVATIONS IN CURRENT LEGISLATION**

Paper provides a scientifically substantiated legal analysis of the innovations in the current legislation in the field of public procurement in Ukraine, according to which changes are made to some legislative acts considering an introduced new approach to the organization of purchasing activity in Ukraine.

It is emphasized that the new Law, which was adopted in order to harmonize the current legislation with the European Union Procurement Directives, in accordance with Ukraine's international commitments under the Association Agreement with the European Union, within the framework of which it approved the Roadmap, which provides the main areas of public procurement reform that are being implemented, including measures to adapt legislation to European Union rules in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 8 of the Association Agreement EU largely duplicates the provisions of the Law of Ukraine «On Public Procurement» in 2015 and does not involve a fundamental change in the implementation of the procurement.

In fact, the main novelties, on the author's point of view, are: cancellation in the future of tender committees institution, possibility of procurement through centralized procurement organizations, introduction of new procurement procedures (simplified procurement, restricted tendering), electronic catalogue, criterion for evaluation of tender bids cycle, etc. In view of this, it is concluded that it would be more logical to implement these novelties by amending the current Law on Public Procurement 2015, rather than presenting it in a new version, which in turn would facilitate the application of the rules by the contracting authorities and participants in the procurement procedure.

It is emphasized that the new wording of the Law of Ukraine «On Public Procurement» does not fully meet the requirements of the current legislation, and some regulations do not meet the constitutional principles of the rule of law and the definition of a rule of law in accordance with the Constitution of Ukraine, and do not take into account the legal position of the Constitutional Court of Ukraine, which decisions have repeatedly emphasized that the defining elements of the rule of law are the principles of legal certainty, clarity and ambiguity of the legal norm, which, in turn, can reduce complications of law enforcement and legal conflicts.

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