

FIGHT AGAINST CORRUPTION IN CUSTOMS

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The fight against corruption in customs is a major challenge that is at the centre of the global scene. No country is immune to this formidable problem, as corruption has a negative impact on public security, the stability of State institutions and the standard of living in general.

Today we have an important task before us, namely, to ensure the integrity and decency of customs regulations, which are the basis for successful economic development and the strengthening of well-established international relations and the building of new ones. Customs corruption hinders favourable economic growth and greatly facilitates illicit transactions, thus creating barriers to fair and transparent international trade.

Corruption manifests itself in the use of official position by officials for personal and vested interests, violating laws and ethical norms.

One of the most effective ways to combat corruption is to establish a system in which the scope for abuse is minimized through transparency and automation. The use of advanced technologies, such as artificial intelligence, helps to significantly reduce the role of man in the customs control process, significantly reducing the likelihood of corrupt actions.

It is also important to develop a culture of decency and ethical standards among customs personnel. Education and awareness-raising on the impact of corruption on individuals and society can also contribute to a favourable change of attitude within the organization.

The exchange of working experiences and strategies to combat corruption at the international level is very important. Countries and customs administrations that have made great strides in this area tend to adopt an integrated approach, combining new technologies with strengthened legislation and close international partnership.

However, it is equally important to recognize that the fight against corruption is a long and complex process that requires constant vigilance and attention, commitment to change and the active participation of all the most relevant stakeholders, from government to business and civil society.

In conclusion, the successful fight against corruption in the customs sector requires close and joint efforts at all levels. It is through close cooperation, innovation and commitment to transparency, fairness and justice that we can make very significant progress in this critical area.

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KNOWLEDGE OF A FOREIGN LANGUAGE IS A FACTOR FOR SUCCRSSFUL EMPLOYMENT IN THE MODERN WORLD

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On December 8, 1991, the Soviet Union ceased to exist. Belarus became a full participant in international trade. Private and state organizations specializing in the export and/or import of goods and services began to appear in the country. In 2023, the volume of exports of goods and services of the Republic of Belarus amounted to 47.8 billion dollars, while the volume of imports of goods and services amounted to 47.3 billion dollars [1]. The volumes of exports and imports indicate a high demand for specialists proficient in foreign languages.

Let's highlight a series of opportunities that open up for a person proficient in foreign languages:

- Knowledge of a foreign language allows one to find a job not only within the chosen profession but also to obtain employment without specialized education.

- Thanks to modern technologies, it is possible to work without being tied to a specific place of residence. Thus, a specialist proficient in a foreign language significantly expands the scope of job search and also has the opportunity for remote work.

- In addition to employment benefits, professionals with knowledge of a foreign language have higher salaries.