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Customs authorities are one of the most important law enforcement agencies for any state. They play a significant role in protecting the economic security of the country, as they perform two essential functions. Firstly, in carrying out a fiscal function, the customs authorities provide the largest revenue to the state budget among all other government agencies. Secondly, the protectionist function allows protecting the national producer in the domestic market. The customs bodies are the face of the state, because anyone who enters the country sees them first. However, the work of the customs authorities would be practically impossible without their close cooperation and collaboration with the Border Service.

Passage through the state border of the Republic of Belarus of persons, goods and means of transport is ensured only through coordinated activities of customs and border authorities. The qualitative, differentiated and effective use of the forces of the two services contributes to the provision of full and qualitative border and customs control. Cooperation between customs and border agencies is necessary to jointly ensure the protection of both the economic security of the country and its state borders. It is not uncommon for cases of illegal movement across the customs border of goods and vehicles, as well as illegal crossing of individuals across the state border. In cases where a person illegally crossing the state border transports limited and (or) prohibited goods to import (export), the interaction of the border service with the customs authorities is necessary.

In order to provide the cooperation of these two services to be most effective, there is a need for joint cooperation plans, as well as their timely updates and amendments. In certain cases, it is necessary to agree on options for actions in joint operations. This can be achieved with constant communication and continuous exchange of information about the situation.

Directly at the border, cooperation is carried out between officials of customs authorities and border service agencies. Most harmoniously, customs officers and border guards work at railway checkpoints across the state border and at airports. Because customs and border control of cargo or passenger railway rolling stock take place simultaneously, as well as at the airport, there are passengers and luggage controls which are simultaneously

monitored. Unlike the control on these two means of transport, control at road checkpoints is carried out by turns. In this case, permanent working contacts between the officials of the services are necessary.

In order to maximize the speed of customs and border control, while maintaining the quality of its conduct, it is required to follow the basic principles of organization of interaction between customs and border authorities, namely:

- clearly divide the functions and tasks of both sides, avoid duplication or performance of actions that are not assigned to one or the other service;
- strictly observe the laws of the Republic of Belarus and don't deviate from them;
- distribute forces and resources in such a way as to concentrate on the most important and responsible tasks;
- jointly and operatively solve suddenly arising problems;
- ensure the protection of documents and information containing state secrets, commercial, banking and other secrets protected by law.

In addition to cooperation between officials of customs and border agencies, their interaction is also carried out at higher levels. The State Customs Committee and the State Border Committee jointly develop technological schemes for the admission of persons, goods and vehicles across the state border, improve the forms and methods of customs and border control. They also cooperate in combating international terrorism, illegal migration and illegal transfer of weapons, drugs and cultural values across the state border.

Summing up, it is worth noting that both customs and border guard agencies are of great importance in the country. They provide continuous protection of the state border of the Republic of Belarus, carry out border and customs control and suppress the illegal crossing of persons, goods and means of transport across the border. However, without their close cooperation, these types of control would not be possible to carry out with that quality, with the speed and efficiency, as it happens today.

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Таможенные органы являются одними из важнейших правоохранительных органов для любого государства. Они играют значительную роль в вопросах защиты экономической безопасности страны, так как они выполняют две существенные