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THE IMPACT OF CUSTOMS EXPERTISE ON THE NATIONAL ECONOMY

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"The customs system is a bridge connecting our country with the global economy."
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Abstract: Regulating the flow of goods and services across customs borders, implementing trade agreements, and ensuring compliance with customs regulations play an important role in the national economy. In general, customs authorities are one of the key factors in ensuring economic security and eliminating risks that may arise in the course of international trade relations. The reforms carried out in our country in recent years demonstrate that customs administration and customs policy have become one of the key areas of the state's domestic and foreign policy. Customs expertise plays an indispensable role in ensuring the proper and comprehensive provision of customs services. This article examines customs expertise and its impact on the national economy.

Keywords: customs expertise, FEACN, customs border, smuggling, sampling, narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances.

Introduction

Goods imported into or exported from our country through customs borders are of great importance to the economic security of the country. In this regard, the excessive import or export of goods, as well as the entry into or transit through the country of prohibited goods, such as weapons, narcotic drugs, and other restricted items, can have a significant negative impact on the national economy. The responsibility for preventing or regulating such situations rests with customs authorities. As President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev stated, "Customs posts are the face of our state; the first impression also begins precisely at customs" [1]. Therefore, the customs policy implemented in our country in recent years, the efforts to bring the domestic market into line with international standards, and measures aimed at ensuring the development of the national economy serve as key factors in shaping the country's domestic and foreign economic environment and establishing effective economic relations.

Customs expertise is becoming increasingly important in ensuring the functioning of the domestic and foreign markets, as well as economic security in the Republic of Uzbekistan, alongside such areas of customs activity as combating smuggling and customs administration. A unified policy in these areas not only prevents offenses related to violations of customs regulations but also

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contributes to supplying the domestic market with high-quality products and significantly counteracts violations of customs legislation.

One example is the set of measures being implemented to prevent the illegal importation, circulation, and transit of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances through the territory of our country, which currently constitute a major concern for the international community and pose a serious threat to national and economic security [2]. These measures include improving legislation, strengthening border controls, developing cooperation with the public, and expanding international cooperation. The measures adopted are aimed at ensuring national and economic security within the framework of combating drug trafficking. In this context, conducting compositional analyses of incoming goods is of particular importance.

Furthermore, in order to accelerate customs inspections and improve their efficiency, it is necessary to obtain comprehensive information about goods, including their quantity, composition, physicochemical properties, origin, authenticity, and other characteristics. The technical means of customs control located at border customs posts provide substantial assistance in this regard. Technical means of customs control are applied to goods crossing the customs border. Nevertheless, a mechanism for conducting chemical and compositional analyses is necessary to make control and security measures more accurate and reliable. Such a mechanism is an important tool for obtaining information about goods and means of transport, identifying goods, preventing the movement of explosive and radioactive materials, and detecting violations of customs regulations [3].

Research Methodology

Customs expertise is one of the specialized types of expert examination conducted by customs experts and is characterized by such specific features as its subject matter, objectives, objects, subjects, and research methods. Customs expertise is an important component of international trade, as it enables the proper and efficient processing of goods crossing borders while ensuring compliance with relevant regulations and reducing the risks of illegal activities.

Customs expertise refers to specialized knowledge and skills required to manage activities related to the customs sphere, including the classification, valuation, and clearance of goods crossing international borders. Customs experts are trained to interpret and apply international trade rules and to manage various procedures and processes associated with customs clearance. Customs expertise is generally conducted at the request of enterprises and companies engaged in international trade to ensure that their shipments comply with the relevant laws and regulations [4].

In other words, customs expertise is conducted when specialized knowledge is required to determine the objectives specified in Article 208 of Chapter 30 of the Customs Code, including the implementation of customs control over goods, their customs clearance, and the adoption of binding decisions concerning the classification of goods.

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Customs expertise is carried out to verify the correct classification of goods in accordance with the Commodity Nomenclature of Foreign Economic Activity of the Republic of Uzbekistan, to identify goods in processed products, to ensure compliance with intellectual property rights, or at the request of legal entities and individuals. Customs expertise is conducted by specialists of customs laboratories and other experts engaged on a contractual basis [5, Article 215].

If customs expertise is conducted at the initiative of customs authorities, its costs are covered from the state budget. If it is conducted at the initiative of a declarant, persons authorized to exercise powers related to customs control and clearance of goods, or their representatives, the costs are borne by the authorized person. Customs expertise of goods is conducted by the Central Customs Laboratory of the Customs Committee. The purpose of each expert examination conducted at customs posts along the state border or at specialized examination facilities is to ensure economic security [6].

It is well known that comprehensive economic security is closely associated with the policies implemented in our country and the functioning of customs services at the state border. In other words, issues such as identifying goods entering and leaving the country, determining applicable customs duties, and establishing relevant procedures and regulations have a direct impact on ensuring economic security.

The textbook *Customs Expertise* states that "resolving problems arising during the customs clearance of goods, namely, determining commodity codes according to the Commodity Nomenclature of Foreign Economic Activity (FEACN); determining the chemical composition, characteristics, and intended use of goods; assessing the quality of goods based on their quality indicators (grade, type, composition, etc.); determining the authenticity of customs seals and documents; determining indicators used to establish the customs value of goods; handling cases related to violations of customs regulations; and accurately establishing the identity of goods are the essence and objectives of customs expertise" [7].

Thus, the role of customs expertise includes the following:

- **Ensuring compliance with customs regulations.** Through their activities, customs experts help ensure compliance with customs regulations, including rules related to import and export procedures, tariffs, and taxes.
- **Customs clearance of goods.** Customs experts assist in obtaining the permits and documents necessary for goods to pass through customs.
- **Risk management.** Customs experts identify and prevent potential risks associated with customs clearance, including delays caused by non-compliance with customs regulations in international trade, as well as potential penalties and fines.
- **Cost optimization.** Customs experts contribute to optimizing supply-chain costs by identifying opportunities to reduce customs duties and taxes.
- **Trade facilitation.** Customs experts contribute to trade facilitation by ensuring the timely and efficient clearance of goods through customs. Customs expertise is generally conducted within a maximum period of 20 working days, or 30 working days in cases involving violations of the law. The

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period for conducting an examination is calculated beginning on the working day following the date on which the relevant materials and documents are received by the customs laboratory and ends on the date the expert opinion is signed [5, Article 215].

Conclusion

Customs expertise can have a significant impact on economic security in several ways:

- **Prevention of illegal trade.** Customs expertise plays an important role in preventing the illegal trade of goods that may harm the economy by reducing government revenues and causing losses to legitimate businesses. Customs experts are trained to identify and prevent the movement of illegal goods at the border, including counterfeit products, smuggled goods, and goods that violate trade regulations.
- **Strengthening compliance with trade regulations.** Customs expertise helps ensure that businesses comply with import and export regulations, thereby reducing risks that may adversely affect economic security. Customs experts can provide guidance on procedures and assist businesses in navigating the complexities of international trade.
- **Trade facilitation.** Customs expertise also contributes to trade facilitation by streamlining customs procedures and reducing delays at borders. This helps businesses operate more efficiently and increase the volume of trade, thereby contributing to economic growth and job creation.
- **Ensuring the collection of customs duties and fees.** Customs expertise plays an important role in the accurate assessment and collection of import duties and taxes. These payments constitute an important source of government revenue, and their effective collection is essential for maintaining economic stability.

Overall, customs expertise is essential for ensuring economic security by facilitating the rapid, smooth, and efficient movement of goods across borders, minimizing the risks of illegal trade, and maximizing the collection of customs duties and fees.

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