Summary

The topic of the graduate work: Law Enforcement Activities of Customs Authorities (based on the materials of the Inquiry Department of the Mineralnie Vody Customs)

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Topicality: Nowadays the influence of customs regulation in respect of international integration of the Russian economy in the international economy increased significantly. This causes a number of problems concerning international security, as well as movement against proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, the fight against international terrorism and drug trafficking, severe environmental problems, including nuclear and radiation safety. The main purpose of customs authorities is organization of transportation of goods and vehicles through customs border. As law enforcement agencies, customs protect economic sovereignty and economic security of Russia and legitimate interests of participants of customs relations. Defining the role of customs as an element of the mechanism of the state law enforcement is not only a theoretical but a practical task. The system of customs authorities in Russia is young enough and the need to study the peculiarities of its law enforcement is obvious.

The purpose: a complex analysis of the law enforcement activities of customs authorities, identification of emerging theoretical and practical problems, elaboration of the most effective measures to solve them.

Aims:
- to consider law enforcement functions of the Customs;
- to analyze the content of «inquiry», carried out by customs authorities;
- to study the operational and investigative activities of customs authorities;
- to study the activity of the Inquiry Department of the Mineralnie Vody Customs;
- to analyze the problems and suggest ways to improve law enforcement activities of customs authorities.

**Theoretical and practical significance:** the findings and suggestions formulated in the work concerning law enforcement activities of customs authorities can be used in the further scientific development and elaboration of the named issue. The practical recommendations proposed in the work can be used as instructions for customs authorities.

**The results of the research and recommendations:**

1. It is seen as appropriate to develop a methodology for coordination and collaboration of special services of customs authorities based on clear separation of functions with other law enforcement agencies in joint transient and long-term operations;
2. In order to accelerate the formation of customs authorities as a law enforcement agency, it is necessary to organize intensive training of customs law enforcement professionals according to a program which meets the requirements of customs specifics;
3. The next step includes development of a framework methodology of customs authorities;
4. It is necessary to create an into-structural effective mechanism for coordination and collaboration within the system of customs authorities. It is possible only if all relevant departments and divisions stick to the principle of scientific approach in developing optimal business model to ensure economic security.