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## THE DEFINITION AND FEATURES OF ADMINISTRATIVE CORRUPTION OFFENCES UNDER THE LEGISLATION OF UKRAINE

The rules of anti-corruption law are being analyzed in the paper to determine the definition and identify the features of administrative corruption offences. The author compares the rules of the previous anti-corruption law and current Law of Ukraine "On Principles of Prevention and Combating Corruption".

On the basis of the mentioned comparison, the author makes a conclusion that the current Law more broadly covers the definition of administrative corruption offence and the phenomenon of corruption in all its forms, which allows preventing and counteracting it more effectively. Thus, the Law protects the social relations, which were not previously regulated.

In particular, the current Law expands the list of illegal actions which are considered as corruption as well as a list of persons who are responsible for their commission.

The author considers reasonable that the persons equated to persons authorized to perform the functions of state or local government also take responsibility for administrative corruption offenses, because undue benefit as a result of using official authority and related possibilities (as one of the special features of administrative corruption offenses) is a major element that provides the reason to consider the actions of persons who are responsible for commission of administrative corruption offenses as corruption, which often takes place as a result of misuse not only of state power.

At the same time, the author emphasizes that there are difficulties in the practical application of novelty about acceptance of such offers or promises of such benefit or provision of such offers or promises, by which may be understood also statements or actions of the subject of responsibility for corruption offenses which do not have features of corruption.

The features of administrative corruption offenses were researched and analyzed in this article, including general and special ones. The author contemplates the controversial issue of public danger and harm of administrative offences and substantiates the thesis of social harm of administrative corruption offences. On the ground of the features reviewed, the author gives his own definition of administrative corruption offences.