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CRIMINAL LIABILITY FOR FALSIFICATION OF MEDICINES – AN IMPORTANT STEP TO ADAPTATION PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRY TO THE EUROPEAN UNION NORMS

The article analyses the main activities (creation of necessary conditions, adapting legislation to EU norms), which are implemented by Ukraine in the last two years to protect public health, prevent falsification of medicines, revealed the current status and features of the pharmaceutical market of Ukraine, issues to be decided at the legislative level. It shows the basic regulations that need to be implemented in the current legislation of Ukraine and should be used by regulatory authorities.

The author describes the main achievements of Ukraine in the implementation and harmonization of national standards to international law. Powers of the State Service on Drugs have been expanded, international conventions are implemented, and the responsibility for falsification of medicines has been introduced.

The article shows that Ukraine over the last two years has made major changes in the system of supervision and control of the pharmaceutical industry. Today, it is difficult to speak about the results of those improvements. Statistics shows only economic basis – the growth in demand and selling of medicines. However, there is no statistics of the implementation of criminal liability for falsification of medicines.

The author argues that without adequate funding most accepted standards are declarative. And, in general, country walks right way in the protection of public health and ensure the quality of medicines.