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EMERGENCE AND DEVELOPMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE AND TORT LEGISLATION IN STATES-PARTICIPANTS OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF INDEPENDENT STATES

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Considering the national legislation development of the states-participants of the Commonwealth of Independent States, the authors point out common patterns of administrative and tort legislation: the presence of a basic codified Act, reflection in its rules of deep-seated changes in the life of post-Soviet society of these countries, the introduction of numerous local amendments and additions to the adopted Codes. Asserted the readiness of society to the implementation of the next phase of the reform of the administrative and tort legislation – to the division of it into the material and procedural Codes.

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Global social and economic transformations which began after the Soviet Union collapse in December 1991 in the former Soviet republics, which later joined the Commonwealth of Independent States, demanded legal stability of just emerged new social relations, radical renewal and improvement of the current, but becoming obsolete before our eyes legislation of the era of developed socialism, including tort legislation [27, 32].

This situation required the system changes of the content of a new national law in the countries of the CIS, the cardinal updating of entire array of the previous legislation, the awareness of the new role of legal phenomena in human, personality and society life as a whole [21, 25]. Agreement on the establishment of the Commonwealth of Independent States (December 1991) drew a line in the history of the Soviet Union, at the same time being the starting point in the development of new national legislation of independent states newly formed in the post-Soviet space.

Today, twenty years after the collapse of the USSR can be summed up some results of cardinal improvement of the national administrative and tort legislations of states that were included in the CIS.

Our study of the law making activity of the CIS countries' Parliaments since the mid-90's of the last century, allows us to state that in the basis for the forming of new codified acts on administrative responsibility in Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan and Russia was laid down the principle of joint codification of substantive and procedural norms of national administrative and tort law. In these countries the law making work on the implementation the second codification of administrative and tort legislation to the middle of the first decade of the new century as a whole has already been completed.

Currently the further improvement of the adopted codes is being implemented. Sometimes it happens with "help" of dozens of new laws, making amendments and additions, as to a substantive part of the Codes, and to procedural and executive parts. For example, to the Code on Administrative Offences of the Russian Federation within ten years since its adoption lawmakers of five convocations of the State Duma of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation have made to the CAO of the RF a significant number of amendments and additions in all its five sections, taking more than 200 federal laws.

In other countries of the Commonwealth (Armenia, Moldova, Tadzhikistan and Ukraine), this legislative work to mid-tens of the new century had still not been completed. In addition, as strange as it sounds, in some operating until almost the end of the first decade of this century Codes of the First Codification (Tajikistan, Moldova) were presented legal norms, in which was used terminology of Soviet socialist law period (for example, Soviet law and order, socialist legality, socialist property, Ministry of Defense of the USSR, Ministry of Internal Affairs of the USSR, etc.).

By the way, the period of the first codification of administrative responsibility norms also had been marked by a number of features which subsequently had a significant influence on the systematization procedure of the Soviet and Republican

administrative and tort legislation. Firstly, it should be noted that the basis of the Codes of the Union Republics on administrative offences consisted of administrative and tortuous norms of the Union legislation, and, above all, of the Foundations of the USSR and the Union Republics on Administrative Offences (October 1980), that caused them to be of the same type as for the structure and content [44]. Secondly, along with the Codes the acts of local Councils of people's deputies and their Executive Committees also were the legal sources of administrative responsibility that, ultimately, did not give a possibility for the Codes to become the only legislative act of the Union Republic and govern the issues of administrative responsibility. Thirdly, was carried out so-called "mixed" codification of the substantive, competent and procedural norms on administrative offences. However, once again, we underline that it is difficult to overemphasize the value of the first Codes on Administrative Offences of Union republics [29].

As has been noted above, the first codification of the norms on administrative responsibility was implemented in two stages. At the first stage, in October 1980, for the first time in the USSR were adopted Foundations of the Legislation of the USSR and the Union Republics on administrative offenses, and later in 1984-1985, that is, at the second phase on the legal basis of the above Foundations, for the first time in the Soviet Union were adopted Codes of Union republics on Administrative Offenses. The adoption of the first Codes of the Union republics on Administrative Offences in the mid-80s of the last century meant not only the creation in each Union republic a single systematic legislative act on administrative responsibility, replacing dozens or even hundreds of separate acts of various significance levels, but also, what is more significant, this event meant the completion of forming the new independent branch of law - administrative and tort law [30]. For the first time was harmonized normative regulation of combating with one of the most common types of offenses - administrative offenses (misconducts), determined the basics and measures of administrative responsibility, fixed the system of administrative jurisdiction's subjects, regulated administrative-jurisdictional process and procedure of execution decisions issued on a case.

As for conceptually new administrative and tort codified acts of the CIS countries, we believe that they also have a number of features which advantageously distinguish them from the Republic Codes on Administrative Offences of the Soviet codification period.

Here are some of them: 1) the basic principal legal provisions included in the new codified acts on administrative responsibility of the CIS countries, today they meet new Constitutions of the CIS countries and have been brought into conformity

with the generally recognized rules of international law; 2) the national legislators of the CIS countries in the development the major institutions of administrative and tort law abandoned outdated norms of Soviet socialist law; 3) a certain part of innovations included in the general, competent and procedural parts of the new codes, "saw the light" thanks to modern achievements in the theory of national tort law of the CIS countries (criminal and civil); 4) at the same time, the developers of these codified acts found it possible to retain in the new Codes the norms which had positively recommend themself in law enforcement activities of the bodies of administrative jurisdiction; 5) when structuring the content of chapters of Especial (Special) part of the new codes, the parliamentarians from the CIS countries took into account the overriding priority – the priority of the constitutional protection of the rights and freedoms of an individual in the first place, and then the society and the state.

Development and adoption in the CIS countries of the new codified acts on administrative responsibility was due to the profound changes in the lives of post-Soviet society in these countries, which were reflected in the new constitutions, adopted in all CIS countries by the mid 90's of the last century.

The new Constitutions of the Commonwealth countries for the first time in their history proclaimed the priority of the rights and freedoms of man and citizen as the highest social value. The stage of an initial cardinal reform of national legislation in the Commonwealth countries was characterized by carrying out a significant amount of the codification work [7, 10]. For example, in the Republic of Belarus this work had already been begun in accordance with the decision of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the Republic of Belarus No. 3777-XII from May 30, 1995 "On the Organization of Temporary Creative Team for Drafting the Project of Civil, Civil Procedural, Criminal, Criminal Procedural, Administrative Procedural Code and Code on Administrative Offences" [6].

In Russia, the issue of drafting the projects of two separate codified administrative and tort acts, in which would be separately systematized substantive and procedural norms, unfortunately, was removed at the initial stage of development the project of conceptually new Code on Administrative Offences of the Russian Federation [9, 11; 24, 28, 31].

In contrast, in some CIS countries in the late 90's at the national level, it was decided to start the development of a new national administrative legislation. So in particular, in Turkmenistan had been developed and adopted the Program of legislative support for reforms and transformations suggested by the first President of Turkmenistan Saparmurat Turkmenbashi. This program included "scientifically

reasoned ideas and practical recommendations of the Head of the state on issues of state-building, rule of law and legality, development of economic and social sphere, further strengthening the high authority that is enjoyed by independent neutral Turkmenistan in the international political arena".

In the second section of that program was included part 2, called "Forming the legal basis for court proceedings. Codification of criminal executive legislation. Development of the new administrative legislation". It is here was fixed a historic decision to establish conceptually new national administrative and tort legislation of independent Turkmenistan, "which will be formed on a fundamentally new legal scheme, involving the preparation of two separate and at the same time related laws - the Code on Administrative Responsibility and Administrative Procedural Code". Next in the Program of legislative support of reforms and transformations of Turkmenistan was noted that "in contrast to the current Code on Administrative Offences, which includes both the norms of substantive and procedural law, the new system of administrative legislation would allow more specifically and fully enshrine structures of administrative offences, determine the penalties commensurate with the nature of illegal actions, and provide for in a separate law clear administrative legal procedures and order for execution the decisions of competent state bodies and officials". [7] But for the sake of Justice it should be noted that in Turkmenistan have not yet been adopted conceptually new administrative and tort codified acts which were planned in the above mentioned program. We hope that this legislative work is ongoing.

By the way, in 2009, in the Republic of Kazakhstan has been decided to prepare drafts of two codified acts of the same names. However, the work of Kazakh legislators so far also has not yet been completed. We believe this is due to the cardinal reformation of valid from the late 90's of the last century new national criminal, criminal procedural and criminal executive legislation of independent Kazakhstan.

Formation of a constitutional state, a new socio-economic structure, which has been enshrined in the constitutions of the CIS countries, determined the need to find ways of effective protection by administrative and legal means of new "market" public relations, which began to emerge in the second half of the 90's of the last century.

Our investigation of this issue allows us to summarize the basic prerequisites of need for implementation the second codification of administrative and tort legislation as follows. Firstly, there is no doubt that the administrative and jurisdictional protection must be adequate to the existing new realities of modern life. Over the period of the first CAO of Union republics (sample of the mid 80's of the last

century), many theirs norms became irrevocably obsolete and "fell into oblivion". Secondly, nearly 20 years of administrative-jurisdictional experience of application "old" CAO of Union republics revealed the existing conflicts and gaps of the above mentioned legislation. We remind here that for the time of action of the Code on Administrative Offences of the RSFSR in a varying degree were changed more than two hundred of its articles. When this, only in the second half of the 90s of the last century were introduced more than 120 new structures of administrative offences, many of which are clearly disharmonized with the "old" norms of Soviet socialist law.

However, attempts to introduce numerous local changes and additions to the Code on Administrative Offences of the RSFSR (sample, 1984) by the end of 90's of the last century completely exhausted and, what is more, compromised themselves. Such legal situation took (and in somewhere and still has) a place in a number of CIS countries [45, 46, 47]. Modern society that had begun to form democratic constitutional state in the CIS countries needed a doctrinal and conceptually new codified act regulating the issues of administrative responsibility. Thirdly, the existing normative legal base based on the legislation of the Union center (Foundations of the Legislation of the USSR and the Union Republics on Administrative Offenses (1980), decrees of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR, the USSR Government provisions), which helped in the fight with administrative offenses, came in a clear and irrevocable conflict with the provisions of the new constitutions of the CIS countries [3, 4].

Codes adopted in the mid-80's of the last century, to the mid-90's stopped to fit into a new constitutional space of the CIS countries. This tendency applies both to the level of legal regulation in this area, and real guarantees to ensure the legitimate rights and freedoms of participants of administrative and tort procedure, above all, of a delinquent and victim. The problem of proper securing the rights and freedoms of people in field of law enforcement activity has become even more relevant in connection with the ratification by the participant states of the Commonwealth of Independent States the Convention on the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms [1, 12, 13, and 14]. Fourth, administrative sanctions began to protect the norms of various branches of the new national law of the CIS countries (including customs, land, environment, water, etc.), but their (sanctions') efficiency dropped significantly, and they were not able to fully meet their protection functions.

Recall also that the parliamentarians of the CIS countries, when developing conceptually new criminal codes in their countries, although abandoned structures

with administrative prejudice, decriminalizing a number of socially dangerous deeds, but included in the Special Part of the Criminal Code a significant number of crimes related to the relevant administrative offences [15, 16, 17, 18, 19, and 20]. It also should be reminded to the reader that the development of new criminal legislation in the CIS countries was not implemented "from scratch" [34, 41-48]. Significant role in developing new Criminal Codes played tight integration of legal scholars, legal practitioners and members of parliament of the CIS countries in the early 90's of the last century. As a result of this joint law making work was adopted the model Criminal Code for CIS countries [33, 36]. For the sake of Justice it should be noted that in the same 1996 at the seventh Plenary session of the Interparliamentary Assembly of Participant States of the Commonwealth of Independent States was also adopted the Civil Code, which was also a recommendatory legislative act for the Commonwealth of Independent States. It happened on February 17, 1996, [2]. A year earlier - on February 10, 1995 by the decision of the Council of Heads of Participant States of the CIS were taken the Bases for the customs legislation of Participant States of the Commonwealth of Independent States [5].

Certain legislative work was being conducted also at interregional level of CIS countries. For example, on June 7, 1997 at the Inter-Parliamentary Committee of four countries – Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic and the Russian Federation was approved the developed Provision on the model and other law making acts of Inter-Parliamentary Committee [37]. Therefore, in our opinion, the second codification of national administrative and tort legislation of CIS countries was intended not only to streamline the administrative and tort legal relations, but also significantly strengthen the within-system connections in the structure of a new national tort legislation of the CIS countries [22].

Finally, fifthly, for the second codification was created a relevant scientific base. In particular, scientists-jurists of Russia, Belarus, Kazakhstan and other CIS countries took not only attempts to justify the concepts of national administrative and tort law and procedure [39, 48, 49, 53], but also investigated their basic institutions [38, 52], developed a new doctrine of administrative and tort procedure [35], suggested author's versions of drafts of administrative and tort codes or their individual sections, chapters, and articles [40, 41, 43]. These remarks can be fully attributed to the development of administrative and tort legislation also in other CIS countries, including Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Azerbaijan and Uzbekistan [23, 26, and 42]. The presence of these and other prerequisites created favorable conditions for the development in the CIS countries new legislative acts on administrative responsibility.

Keeping mainly the structure of previously existing Codes on Administrative Offences of the first period of codification, the new codes of the CIS countries incorporated a significant number of legal novation. This, first of all, regards to bringing the legislation on administrative responsibility in accordance with the current constitution of the CIS countries and being updated national legislation of these countries. Secondly, the codes' drafts of CIS countries were developed on the base of consideration the requirements of international legal acts that have enshrined the priorities of protecting the rights and freedoms of man and citizen, idea of a democratic constitutional state, mixed economy and protection of socially new relations of period of the transition to a market economy. Thirdly, virtually all conceptually new codes of the CIS countries envisaged the introduction of a new subject of administrative responsibility legal entity. Today, as we have noted above, only the Code on Administrative Responsibility of Uzbekistan still does not envisage administrative liability of legal persons. Fourthly, in the new codes of the CIS countries in more detail, in accordance with international legal standards was developed a procedure of administrative and tort process (e.g. were accepted novation regulating the holding in cases of necessity an administrative investigation on a case, was established a more specific procedure of application the measures of ensuring an administrative process, including the possibility to appeal their application, updated procedural order of execution of a taken decision on the case, etc.). Fifthly, in comparison with the Code on Administrative Offences of the Soviet period, in the new codes of the CIS countries (except for the adopted in 2006 Procedural-Executive Code of the Republic of Belarus) greatly was extended the list of subjects of administrative jurisdiction, authorized to consider cases on administrative offenses. In some codes this list reaches 40 - 60 subjects and has a tendency to increase. In the Code on Administrative Offences of the RF, for example, as at December 01, 2011 in the 23rd chapter the number of articles, in which is determined a list of administrative jurisdictions bodies, reached 70 dozen. This occurs even though the fact that the new codes give judges the right to consider a much larger number of cases than before.

It should also be noted that the general liberalization of tort legislation at that time almost did not affected some principal provisions of the new codified acts. For example, the codes of the CIS countries essentially reproduced the system of administrative penalties previously operating in the Soviet Union. Moreover, as a result of adopting some legal novation the level of administrative and legal repression of the codes was even increased.

The new national administrative and tort legislation of the CIS countries had an important role in ensuring the implementation of the planned policy of social and economic reforms and an appropriate level of ensuring public order and public security in the country. It had to ensure guarantees for the proper observance of human and citizen rights, not on paper (as it often happened in previous years), but in real life. It is this result without doubt sincerely tried to reach legislators of all the Commonwealth of Independent States countries, doing cardinal reforms of the given legislation.

Thus, we express solidarity with the opinion of the former Chairman of the Majilis of the Parliament of the Republic of Kazakhstan Zh. A Tujakbaj, who in the beginning of the new century has rightly noted that "growing out of an array of legal system of the former Soviet Union, feeding by its legal concepts, institutions and norms, the legislation of the former Union republics, and now sovereign states united in the CIS, bears the traces of the past and the sprouts of new" [50, 43-47, 51, 45-47]. This judgment, in our view, has not lost its relevance in the twentieth anniversary year of the Commonwealth of Independent States. Since by this formula even in the future will be resolved the issues of combination of legal continuity and legal innovations in conducting large-scale political, economic and social reforms in the CIS countries. And since the legislative work in CIS countries actively continues in this direction, we hope that in the near future in legislative "baggage" of the CIS countries will appear a conceptually new codified acts, in which, finally, following the example of the Republic of Belarus, the substantive and procedural administrative-tort norms would not only "be located in their apartments", but, what is more important, will undergo further significant changes aimed at ensuring the constitutional protection of rights and freedoms of both citizens and legal entities involved in an administrative and tort procedure.

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