

## Tkachuk T. The mechanisms of counteraction to information threats of external sources

The effectiveness of the mechanism for ensuring national security is determined primarily by its ability to contribute to the preservation of the unity of nations, the stability of public relations, the protection of national cultural values, the overcoming of political, military, economic, social crises, the creation of prerequisites for stable development, and the ability to effectively counter threats to national security. This brings to life mechanisms for countering threats to national security, including information threats, which at the present stage are characterized by increased danger, because the information confrontation is building up its capabilities as a result of the rapid growth in the volume and importance of information in the modern world.

Mechanisms of counteraction to information threats of external sources are a combination of different types of activity of bodies of state and military management, public organizations and political institutions, etc., as well as images of their relationships that allow to operatively influence external threats to information security or manage the risks that they are conditioned, for the purpose of their localization and neutralization.

The evaluation of the relevant mechanisms is based on: the state information policy, its impact on security parameters; identification of the degree of risk of deviations of parameters for the stability of the information security system; determining the external circumstances in which the deviations occur: increasing or decreasing risks.

Thus, the mechanisms for countering information threats from external sources, primarily based on risk management principles, allow the blocking of destructive elements, properties, processes that destroy the information security and national security system as a whole, and stimulate constructive elements, properties, processes, which contribute to its functioning and development.

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