

TO QUESTION OF DEFINITION OF THE ECOLOGICAL CERTIFICATION CONCEPT

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The meaning of the concepts of «quality», «certification» and «ecological certification» is reviewed. Own definition for ecological certification is proposed.

Quality, certification, ecological certification.

Today on the world market there are products that differ in a country origin, by the production condition, by the state of material and technical base of producers etc. However, despite of everything, a consumer must be sure that in any case during determined warranty term products will answer the accepted norms of quality. For this purpose a corresponding instrument – certification and its subversion – ecological certification were created and operate. The ecological certification is recent and still did not assume the finality.

Development of ecological certification was influenced by such representatives of national science as N.K. Blinova, V.O. Boguslaiev, S.D. Boruk, Y.G. Gordiichuk, P.D. Zhemaniuk, G.O. Zakharov, V.B. Kazakova, V.R. Kovalyshyn, N.R. Malysheva, V.I. Mokhonko, S.S. Oleinikova, S.O. Salomakhina, P.M. Skrypchuk, O.V. Suvorin etc. They had considered the separate aspects of conditions, requirements, criteria of ecological certification as a part of the general categories of quality and certification. However, for the best understanding of the marked

process, there is a necessary existence of concrete definition that at legislative level is absent.

A research objective is to open the concept "ecological certification" from the standpoint of legal science and in the context of general categories of quality and certification.

The end of 1980's was marked by the increase of attention of international association to the problem of quality of the products and services. The acceptance of international standards of ISO series 9000, that give interpretation to the concept "quality" and describe the system of requirements for management of quality of enterprises and organizations, became the consequence of this. The observance of these standards guarantees for a consumer (to the supplier) the presence and functioning in the enterprise-producer of the documented system of management of quality that to final term must accordingly guarantee the best quality of products (services).

In accordance to DSTU ISO/IEC 17000:2007 certification is determined as procedure of confirmation by the third party of accordance that concerns products, processes, systems or personnel (except organs of evaluations of accordance, for which is applied a term "accreditation"). As an ecological certification is the element of general certification the understanding of concept "ecological certification" is affected the approach in interpretation of general category "certification".

Normative-legal acts that operate by the indicated concepts are not enough now. Only a normative-legal act – Technical regulations on ecological marking ratified by Resolution of Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine in item 3 gives the legal interpretation of this concept as procedure during that an organ confessed in accordance with established procedure for ecological marking documentarily certifies accordance of products to set ecological criteria. The purpose of functioning of ecological certification

consists in protection of environment from the negative results of activity of manufacturing subjects.

Conducted research allows to conclude that under an ecological certification it is necessary to understand the complex of works that presents determined by legislation activity of independent from manufacturing subjects organ on realization of estimation and documentary attestation of accordance of products (processes, systems, personnel) to the set ecological criteria (to the requirements of legislation in the sphere of the protection of environment, sanitary-hygienic norms) with the purpose of protecting from contamination of environment and health of man. Meanwhile a mechanism of ecological certification is new for Ukraine. The successful functioning of the said mechanism, besides development of ecological criteria and economic ground, requires the appropriate complex legal control too.