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INFORMATION IN THE LEGAL RELATION: PROBLEM OF DEFINITION

The article deals with the role which information plays in the legal relations in general and the state government in particular.

The administration of information is becoming more and more important. Information with its special features forms a new kind of relations, called informative-legal relations. Flows of information in the state are managed by media today which creates a new forth branch of power with strong influence on social relations.

Information had been understood as a message transmission until XX century. Now it is related to management and development. In ontological aspect information is not only a message but a possibility to transfer the message for processing in automatic system. In epistemological aspect information is data and it's using in legislation in this sense.

There are many different definition of information depending on the branch of science. Jurisprudence marks out some features of information which are im-

portant for law: a possibility to multiply usage of the same information; independence of information from its physical repository; a possibility of the preservation, integration and accumulation of information; systematization of information; quantitative determination; «undisappearance» of information in process of its usage.

Information should have an absolutely clear definition in order to be used in legislation.

Ukrainian legal doctrine and legislation has no precise notion of information. Legal doctrine and some state acts consider information as a fact or data that could be proclaimed or documented. Such notion ignores the fact that information may exist without documentation and that it is not only a static subject but also a data in process.

Ukrainian legislation has different notions of information in different documents. This situation creates many problems in legal practice and needs legislative regulation.