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The Code of Ukraine on Administrative Offences, which governs the liability of military personnel and other persons who are subject to the disciplinary regulations for administrative offences, provides that military servicemen, ones obliged for military services and reservists during their training duty, as well as privates and officers of the State Criminal and Executive Service of Ukraine, bodies of internal affairs, civil protection service and the State Service for Special Communications and Information Protection of Ukraine are responsible for the administrative offence under the disciplinary regulations.

Thus, the Disciplinary Regulations of the Armed Forces of Ukraine provide that soldiers bear disciplinary liability for committing administrative offences, except for the cases stipulated by the Code of Ukraine on Administrative Offences.

These acts do not establish clear boundaries between administrative and disciplinary responsibility and a specific penalty for a separate administrative offence. Disciplinary regulations of the Armed Forces of Ukraine are only a list of penalties, one of which a specific authorized subject may apply at its own discretion to the offender.

This position is too arbitrary and may be biased when assigning penalties. Attempt to find the answer to the question, what administrative offence according to the Disciplinary Regulations of the Armed Forces of Ukraine entail responsibility of servicemen, is viewed vain, because this document does not contain such provisions. A general clause stating that soldiers shall be subject to disciplinary liability for committing administrative violations does not give a clear answer.

Summarizing the proposed, article should first of all state that the issues of administrative responsibility of the Armed Forces of Ukraine are regulated by the Code of Ukraine on Administrative Offences and the Disciplinary Regulations of the Armed Forces of Ukraine. The Code of Ukraine on Administrative Offences contains a provision on administrative liability of servicemen for violations on a general basis and norm, which refer to the Disciplinary Regulations of the Armed Forces of Ukraine on bringing to administrative responsibility. In our opinion, the last one is either unnecessary, because the Disciplinary Regulations of the Armed Forces of Ukraine do not regulate administrative offences and administrative responsibility, or needs to bring the rules into compliance with the Code of Ukraine on Administrative Offences. Prospects for further author’s research in this direction will focus on deepening the study of the regulation of administrative responsibility of the Armed Forces of Ukraine.