Topic 5
Methodological recommendations for independent work of the applicant

In the course of independent work on this topic, it is necessary to get acquainted with the main issues of the lecture material, with the main and additional literature, legislative and regulatory materials, information from Internet resources, as well as to work through the questions for independent in-depth study and control questions for self-diagnosis, complete test tasks and individual assignments.

Questions for independent in-depth study

1. Examine the main principles of the WCO SAFE Framework of Standards and evaluate its impact on the harmonization of customs control procedures between countries.
2. Study the experience of EU member states in implementing integrated risk management systems within the customs environment.
3. Compare the risk management systems of the EU and the USA (Customs and Border Protection) in terms of data exchange, profiling, and risk assessment methods.
4. Analyse the benefits and challenges of implementing Authorized Economic Operator (AEO) programmes as a tool for international customs risk reduction.

Checklist for self-diagnosis

1. What are the main international instruments regulating customs risk management?
2. Which levels of risk management (strategic, tactical, operational) are recognized in international practice?
3. Name the key principles of the WCO SAFE Framework related to risk analysis and information exchange.
4. What are the advantages of using the Authorized Economic Operator (AEO) programme for customs authorities and businesses?
5. What information sources are used by customs authorities for developing international risk profiles?
6. How does data exchange between customs administrations contribute to risk minimization?

7. What types of risks (compliance, financial, safety, procedural, etc.) are typically managed in the international customs context?
8. Describe the role of digital technologies and artificial intelligence in global customs risk assessment.
9. How do international recommendations contribute to the unification of customs control procedures?

Test tasks

1. What is the main purpose of international customs risk management systems?

a) To limit international trade operations

b) To identify and reduce potential threats to trade security and compliance

c) To increase customs tariffs

d) To simplify domestic tax reporting

2. Which document provides the global framework for customs risk management?

a) The Kyoto Convention

b) The WCO SAFE Framework of Standards

c) The Paris Agreement

d) The Geneva Protocol

3. What is the main advantage of the Authorized Economic Operator (AEO) concept?

a) It increases the number of customs checks

b) It promotes mutual recognition and facilitates trade for compliant businesses

c) It reduces customs transparency

d) It limits the use of electronic declarations

4. Which technological tool enhances international customs cooperation and risk assessment?

a) Blockchain and data exchange platforms

b) Manual paper-based registers

c) Physical warehouse inspections only

d) Traditional accounting systems

5. What is the main function of international cooperation in customs risk management?

a) Exchange of best practices, information, and joint risk profiles

b) Increasing trade tariffs

c) Limiting cross-border data exchange

d) Focusing only on national risks