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**LEGAL LIABILITY IN THE MECHANISM PROVIDING  
THE REGIME OF CLASSIFIED INFORMATION**

The adoption of the Law of Ukraine “On Access to Public Information” in early 2011 is the result of concentration of democratic trends and activity of non-governmental organizations aimed at building open to the public authorities. The mentioned legal act is a modern legal instrument for implementing the principle of transparency and openness of government information. The Constitution of Ukraine in the Article 34 enshrines the right of everyone to freely collect, store, use and disseminate information by oral, written or other means of his or her choice, except circumstances specially defined in the law. This limitation is carried out by using the legal institution of classified information, which, in turn, is divided by the current legislation into confidential, secret and proprietary.

These types of information include both public and private secrets, because the current legislation, containing a definition of secrets, does not clearly indicate the nature of restricting access to information constituting them. Overall, the current Ukrainian legislation provides more than twenty kinds of secrets. Much of the regimes of secrets only experience their formation, because the terminology in the field of their application is not prudent enough. Besides, the latest developments in information law indicate the need to review the approach to this type of classified information as to secret.

Given the above, it is necessary to introduce additional tools to minimize the negative effects of violations of secrecy. Thus, in some cases of bringing to administrative liability it is necessary to consider the use of sanctions such as remunerative seizure of object, which became an instrument or direct object of committing an administrative offense; confiscation of an object, which became the instrument of commitment or direct object of administrative offense as well as money received as a result of an administrative offense; deprivation of special rights provided by this citizen as well as community service.

