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**ORIGIN, BACKGROUND AND DEVELOPMENT OF CONCEPT
“ECONOMIC SAFETY OF ENTERPRISE”**

The concept of safety was conceived a very long ago together with appearance of “homo sapiens” and by the realized desire to be protected from the threats of the outer world. During the period of ancient civilizations the concept of economic safety was taken first of all to the problem of protecting public wealth from the attack of enemies or any other external encroachments, and also protecting of power, property of upper class of society from internal disturbances and rebelling of population.

In the context of the state a term “safety” began used in the early XVII-XVIII centuries, when an idea that a primary objective of the state is an achievement of general prosperity and safety of people, in the European countries has been conceived. As after the theory of mercantilism the basic source of enriching of countries was trade, clear that economic strength of the state security was determined by its success with external trade relations. In the XIX century protectionists considered that penetration to the internal market of cheap foreign commodities is an external economic aggression, and that is why the mortgage of economic safety of the state is the protection of national market from a foreign competition.

During the period when Ukraine was the part of the Russian Empire the most used synonyms of “national safety” were “state security” and “public safety”, which were understood as providing of public peace and calmness, and also fight against state crimes.

The basic principles of communism ideology were submission of individual interests to the state interests. Therefore it is obvious that national safety conception was oriented first of all to defense state interests.

Forming of concept vehicle of economic safety in Ukraine is historically related to disintegration of the Soviet Union and getting of independence. Scientific works of domestic scientists are analyses and generalized; it is possible to distinguish the different ways of understanding of enterprise economy’s content, namely:

- as a protection from unauthorized access to information;
- as a dependence on harmonization of enterprise interests with interests of environment subjects;
- as an enterprise protection from negative influences or threats;
- as an enterprise protection from the methods of criminal competition;
- as a state of firmness or equilibrium of enterprise or effective use of its resources.