



Law and Transport: Continuing the Topic



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ABSTRACT

The article provides a review of the textbook «Actual problems of legal support of professional activity» for students at transport universities enrolled in master's programs, prepared by the team of the department of Transport Law of the Law Institute of Russian University of Transport under the general editorship of Honored Scientist of the Russian Federation, Doctor of Law,

Professor Alexander I. Zemlin. The review notes the relevance of the topics included in the content of the textbook, the breadth of their coverage, which makes it possible to ensure complete and comprehensive mastering of didactic material, the depth of the scientific approach demonstrated by the authors in the process of working on the publication, the practical significance and potential relevance of the textbook. The sufficiency of the material presented in the textbook is especially emphasized regarding training of future specialists of the highest qualifications in the field of transport with legal competencies necessary for subsequent successful fulfillment by them of their professional duties in the context of digitalization of the economy and transport.

The editors return to the issues of legal training of students who could further become transport employees considering the particular importance of this issue in modern conditions (Kholikov, I. V. Legal Knowledge for Future Transport Employees. World of Transport and Transportation, 2020, Iss. 1, pp. 260–264. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.30932/1992-3252-2020-18-260-264>).

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A clear and unambiguous understanding of the place and role of transport law in the Russian legal system is of particular importance for future specialists in the field of transport, since this directly affects the possibility of its adequate use by them in the process of future activities, determines the degree of legality of their managerial decisions [1, p. 246]. In this regard, training of specialists in the transport industry in the field of legal support of their professional activities is the key to continuous improvement and development of this industry. The development of information technologies actualizes the need for constant updating of knowledge in order to improve professional skills and competencies, as well as to ensure transport security [2, p. 67].

One of the reasons for the need for strict and complete legal regulation of transport relations is that *«due to high vulnerability, in comparison with many other potential targets, transport facilities are especially attractive to terrorists, since their attacks usually lead to a large number of victims, can paralyze key sectors of economy and cause serious social upheaval»* [3, p. 13; 14, p. 24]. This attention is quite justified, since, as it is thoroughly noted, *«vulnerability of the transport complex to acts of unlawful interference is due to its specific features, such as the long length of transport routes, the presence of dangerous transport infrastructure facilities, a large flow of passengers and goods, etc.»* [15, p. 14], in connection with which *«public relations in transport are subject to complete and clear legal regulation, they need a systemic organizational streamlining of activities in the field of anti-terrorist security»* [16, p. 11], including – *«using means of technical regulation»* [17, p. 100].

The successful functioning of the transportation system presupposes not only knowledge of the subjects of regulatory legal acts, but also implementation of supervision in the interests of observance of law and legal order in transport sector, implementation of measures to ensure safety of transport infrastructure based on doctrinal approaches, a set of medical and medico-social measures aimed at reducing the risk of emergencies, to minimize health consequences, to preserve human health [4, p. 185], reduction of damage to the environment and much more. Fulfilment of the international legal obligations of our state in the transport sector is also an extremely important task, which



is reflected in the Transport strategy of the Russian Federation [5, p. 98].

The discipline «Actual problems of legal support of professional activity» is taught to students of Russian University of Transport enrolled in master's programs in engineering, technical, economic areas in order to form professional competencies among future transport specialists of the highest qualification, allowing them to carry out legitimate managerial actions, qualify offenses, ensure enforcement of the norms of special, including transport, legislation in the process of project activities, management of production, technological, logistic processes, solving other professional problems based on understanding of the essence of legal phenomena and processes, problems of legal regulation of activities in transport.

The sections of the textbook consistently reveal the special importance of ensuring functioning of the transport system in the context of implementation of basic directions of strategic development of the transport system of Russia until 2035, ensuring progressive development of the scientific school «Transport Law», continuity in formation of the competencies of transport specialists.



When forming the structure of the textbook «Actual problems of legal support of professional activity», the needs of transport specialists in obtaining legal knowledge in all areas of future practical activity were considered. Thus, the publication includes didactic blocks that adequately reflect the problematic issues of legal regulation of public administration and public service, corporate governance, and investment activities in transport, labour safety in transport; legal support for activities of state institutions subordinate to the Ministry of Transport of Russia, technosphere and environmental safety in transport. The authors also paid attention to the issues of legal regulation of transport relations, financial and legal support for functioning of the transport system in the context of implementation of the Transport Strategy for the period up to 2030, as well as legal support of information security in professional activities in transport, that is, questions traditionally related to the subject of research by representatives of the scientific school «Transport Law» [12, pp. 57–71; 13, pp. 144–153; 14, pp. 22–31].

It seems possible to state that the structure and content of the reviewed textbook allows us to consider most of the current problems in the field of transport, including the ongoing pandemic of the new coronavirus infection. It is known that the most obvious sectors affected by it are those directly or indirectly associated with movement of people or suggesting their concentration. Most airlines, having limited their flight operations to a minimum at the beginning of the pandemic, are still unable to operate fully due to the restrictions imposed, especially on international passenger transportation, due to uneven spread of the infection around the world [6].

Given the continued growth of the incidence in a number of countries, the global damage from the pandemic to the transport industry has yet to be assessed. This applies not only to direct, but also to indirect losses [7, p. 26].

Discussion during lectures and seminars of a significant number of problems that are actual challenges of our time will allow students to gain access to universal tools for overcoming the consequences of almost any circumstance.

The availability of presentation of the material, its consistency and pedagogical expediency testifies to high professionalism of the team of authors – professors and lecturers

at the Department of Transport Law of the Law Institute of Russian University of Transport, which is the leading transport university in Russia, whose tasks today include organizing not only training of future transport employees, but also improvement of professional training and retraining of industry employees.

The reviewed textbook provides logical continuity and connection with other disciplines and textbooks of the department, including «Jurisprudence for students of transport universities» [8], «Transport law» [9], «Legal and organizational aspects of countering terrorism in transport sector» [3], «Organizational and legal basis for functioning of the transport system in a complex epidemiological situation» [7].

Since, as reasonably noted, *«in connection with their importance, public relations in transport are subject to legal regulation... At the same time, the means of both public and private law regulation are actively used»* [10, p. 248], while *«the transport legislation has accumulated a significant,... «critical mass» of regulatory material»* [11, p. 127], one should agree that *«a clear and unambiguous understanding of the place and role of transport law in the Russian legal system is of particular importance for future specialists in the field of transport, since this directly affects the possibility of its adequate use by them in the process of future activities, as well as the degree of legality of management decisions taken by them»* [1, p. 246].

In conclusion, it should be noted that the textbook «Actual problems of legal support of professional activity» is written in an accessible, but at the same time, legally competent literary language, that is, no doubt, to a large extent makes up for the existing lack of educational literature for teaching students of transport educational organizations, studying in master's programs, fully complies with the state educational standard in jurisprudence and, of course, will be in demand not only by students, but also by researchers, teachers, specialists and everyone who is interested in issues of law and its relations with transport.

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