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The relevance of the dissertation research topic is determined by the strategic importance and significance of the Arctic zone of the Russian Federation for ensuring the national interests and strategic national priorities of the Russian Federation in the context of modern threats.

President of the Russian Federation Vladimir Putin, speaking at the International Forum "The Arctic – the territory of dialogue" on March 27, 2025, noted: "The role and importance of the Arctic for Russia and for the whole world is growing. Unfortunately, geopolitical competition and the struggle for positions in this region are also intensifying." After Finland joined NATO in 2023 and Sweden in 2024, all Arctic states (except Russia) are members of the military alliance, which cannot but affect the strengthening of conflict potential and the escalation of military threats to the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Russian Federation in the Arctic zone.

There has been a tendency to escalate the military-political situation in the region in the strategic planning documents of a number of Arctic states. For example, in the United States, in 2024, the updated strategy of the Ministry of Defense was unveiled, which pays significant attention to ensuring military security in the Arctic region. In August 2025, Norway adopted a new Arctic strategy, which outlined a sharp increase in offensive and confrontational motives (including ideas about limiting Russia's activities in Svalbard). These documents once again confirm the relevance of the research topic.

In the Strategy for the Development of the Arctic Zone of the Russian Federation and Ensuring National Security for the period up to 2035, the importance of the Arctic Zone in the socio-economic development of the Russian Federation and ensuring its national security is determined by such characteristics as ensuring the production of more than 80 percent of combustible natural gas and 17 percent of oil in the Russian Federation, the content in the continental shelf contains more than 85.1 trillion Cubic meters of combustible natural gas, 17.3 billion cubic meters. tons of oil, which is a strategic reserve for the development of the mineral resource base of the Russian Federation, the importance of the

Northern Sea Route as a transport corridor of global importance, the location of objects of strategic deterrence forces in order to prevent aggression against the Russian Federation and its allies, etc.

The specifics of the Arctic zone of the Russian Federation determine the specifics of the legal provision of all types of national security in the macroregion, combined into the concept of integrated security of the Arctic zone of the Russian Federation. The study of the legal aspects of protecting and protecting the State Border, countering terrorism and extremism in the Arctic, ensuring public, environmental, food, economic, energy security, the security of the Northern Sea Route, and protecting the population and territories from natural and man-made emergencies is particularly relevant.

The relevance of the study highlights the increasing role of the Northern Sea Route as a historically established national transport communication of the Russian Federation, including a multiple increase in cargo transportation, which in turn sets the task of conducting research in the field of maritime safety and navigation, as well as protection (including anti-terrorist protection) of the relevant infrastructure. The development of Arctic tourism dictates the need to study the legal security of the tourism sector.

The issue of legal support for national security is particularly acute after the start of a special military operation on the territory of Ukraine, which has exacerbated military and terrorist threats against Russia and its critically important facilities. In the context of the undermining of the Russian Nord Stream and Nord Stream 2 gas pipelines, the current area of scientific research is the anti-terrorist protection of energy infrastructure facilities. The unprecedented economic sanctions and other restrictive measures imposed on Russia have significantly affected the country's economic sovereignty in the Arctic zone.

The approval in December 2024 of the Spatial Development Strategy of the Russian Federation, which sets out the development of the Arctic zone of the Russian Federation among spatial priorities, as well as a system of anchor settlements, the priority development of which contributes to achieving national

goals and ensuring national security, gives particular relevance to the study of the problems of legal support for the integrated security of the Arctic zone of the Russian Federation.

The system of government agencies responsible for ensuring integrated security in the Arctic zone of the Russian Federation is being transformed. Thus, in 2024, the Interdepartmental Commission of the Security Council of the Russian Federation on Ensuring the National Interests of the Russian Federation in the Arctic was abolished, and its functions were transferred to the newly formed Maritime Board of the Russian Federation. Such transformations require scientific understanding, which is currently relevant in the context of threats and challenges in the Arctic.

In these circumstances, a comprehensive systematic study of the issues of public law support for the integrated security of the Arctic zone of the Russian Federation is particularly relevant.

The degree of development of the scientific problem

The purpose and objectives of the dissertation research required addressing various aspects of the scientific issues under study.

The issues of legal regulation of public relations in the Arctic zone of the Russian Federation, including in the context of the strategic development of the macroregion, were studied in the works of the following authors: P.P. Battalov, V.K. Bykovsky, I.S. Zhudro, B.P. Ivchenko, A.Ya. Kapustin, A.M. Konovalov, V.N. Leksin, M.S. Ermolovsky, A.V. Teterin, T.Ya. Khabrieva and others.

The problems of legal support for national security and its types, as well as regional security, are presented in the works of D.L. Balayeva, D.V. Iroshnikov, V.M. Redkous, I.B. Kardashova, A.Y. Kiryanov, P.V. Pashkovsky and others.

Legal regimes and their role in ensuring national security were studied by V.B. Rushailo, S.A. Starostin, V.E. Stepenko and others, and the administrative and legal regimes of the Arctic zone of the Russian Federation were considered in the dissertation research by L.Y. Kulikovskaya.

The concept of integrated security of the Arctic zone of the Russian Federation was developed in their scientific articles by V.S. Artamonov, V.A. Vinokurov, S.B. Nemchenko, A.A. Smirnova and others.

The works of I.L. Zinoviev, A.N. Kazakov, A.V. Kornilenko, I.S. Nazarova, A.A. Smirnova, N.I. Utkin, S.N. Chernov, K.V. Shevchenko, V.M. Shenshin and others are devoted to the activities of state security agencies in the Arctic.

The topic of ensuring certain types of security in the Arctic zone of the Russian Federation was raised by such researchers as V.B. Agafonov, N.G. Zhavoronkova, I.A. Ignatieva, A.K. Ogly Karamanov, A.V. Kasatkin, A.V. Kornilenko, M.V. Mazhorina, Yu.G. Shpakovsky, T.A. Yakovleva and others.

At the same time, until now, the issues of public law support for the integrated security of the Arctic zone of the Russian Federation have not been systematically studied in domestic legal science.

The purpose and objectives of the study. The purpose of the work is to study the public law provision of integrated security in the Arctic zone of the Russian Federation.

To achieve this goal, it was necessary to solve the following tasks:

- to study regional security and determine its place in the national security system of the Russian Federation;
- to give a concept and define the content of the integrated security of the Arctic zone of the Russian Federation;
- to analyze the national interests of the Russian Federation and threats to the integrated security of the Arctic zone of the Russian Federation at the present stage;
- to develop a mechanism for public legal support of the integrated security of the Arctic zone of the Russian Federation;
- to investigate the legal regimes in the field of ensuring the integrated security of the Arctic zone of the Russian Federation;

- to determine the system of bodies for ensuring the integrated security of the Arctic zone of the Russian Federation and identify existing problems in its functioning;

- to analyze the legal regimes in the field of ensuring the integrated security of the Arctic zone of the Russian Federation;

- to consider strategic planning as a tool for ensuring the integrated security of the Arctic zone of the Russian Federation;

- to determine the directions of public legal support for certain types of integrated security in the Arctic zone of the Russian Federation.

The object and subject of the study.

The object of the study is the public relations that develop regarding the public legal provision of integrated security in the Arctic zone of the Russian Federation. The subject of the study is the legal norms governing the provision of integrated security in the Arctic zone of the Russian Federation.

The theoretical and methodological basis of the research. The theoretical basis of the dissertation research is the scientific works of such scientists as: S.S. Alekseev, M.V. Baglay, A.M. Voronov, S.I. Girko, S.A. Komarov, O.E. Kutafin, A.V. Malko, N.I. Matuzov, A.A. Prokhozhev, V.S. Nersesyants, T.Ya. Khabrieva and others. The methodological basis of the dissertation research consists of universal, general scientific and private scientific methods of cognition, including the method of dialectics, analysis, synthesis, induction, deduction, functional method, systematic approach, scientific modeling method, special legal methods (formal legal and comparative legal), as well as methods of other sciences. Using the dialectical method, the mechanism of legal support for the integrated security of the Arctic zone of the Russian Federation is studied in the dynamics of development during the evolution of relevant public relations in response to modern threats and challenges. The system method has made it possible to comprehensively study the integrated security of the Arctic zone of the Russian Federation as a single system, including various elements and their interaction. The functional method contributed to the analysis of the functions of the authorities

responsible for ensuring various types of security in the Arctic zone of the Russian Federation. Regulatory legal acts and strategic planning documents were studied from the point of view of the formal legal method of scientific knowledge, while the comparative legal method (internal synchronous comparison) was used for the purpose of comparative analysis of legislation and also the powers of executive authorities of various subjects of the Russian Federation. Statistical data were summarized and analyzed using the statistical method, which allowed us to draw appropriate conclusions. The scientific modeling method was used to build a model of public law support for the integrated security of the Arctic zone of the Russian Federation using appropriate tools.

The research information base. The normative basis of the study is the current regulatory legal acts of the Russian Federation and its subjects, the National Security Strategy of the Russian Federation and other strategic planning documents, as well as international treaties of the Russian Federation. The empirical basis was judicial practice materials – court decisions on specific cases, supporting the substantiation of the scientific positions outlined in the dissertation, as well as statistical and analytical data. The validity and reliability of the research results are determined by the methodology chosen and justified by the author, on the basis of which a wide range of regulatory and scientific sources were analyzed, including international treaties, regulatory legal acts of the Russian Federation and its subjects, materials of judicial practice, strategic planning documents, relevant scientific literature on the issue under consideration, as well as statistical and analytical data.

The scientific novelty of the research is determined by the fact that the work for the first time at the dissertation level:

- identifies systemic problems in the legal provision of regional security in Russia and features that must be taken into account when building a system for ensuring regional security at the macroregion level, justifies the need to take measures to address them;

- the content and essence of the integrated security of the Arctic zone of the Russian Federation are determined, the specifics of its legal support are revealed, including the need to create the federal territory of the Arctic Zone of the Russian Federation.;

- the essence of the national interests of the Russian Federation in the Arctic has been identified, their differentiation into spheres defining the directions of legal support for the integrated security of the Arctic zone of the Russian Federation has been determined, the analysis and assessment of existing security threats in the Arctic zone of the Russian Federation has been carried out, and the problems of legal counteraction to these threats have been identified;

- A mechanism has been developed for public law support of the integrated security of the Arctic zone of the Russian Federation. The mechanism of public legal support for the integrated security of the Arctic zone of the Russian Federation includes a system of legal measures that must take into account the specifics of the macroregion.;

- the necessity of improving and specifying the regulation of legal regimes, the establishment of which is aimed at ensuring the integrated security of the Arctic zone of the Russian Federation, taking into account their specifics and implementation problems, as well as the relationship between legal regimes establishing special legal regulation in settlements and territories with a special status, has been proved.;

- a mechanism has been developed for the organizational and legal support of the integrated security of the Arctic zone of the Russian Federation, which is a system of public authorities endowed with interrelated powers, including problems and conflicts in their functioning and interaction, the directions and forms of interaction of public authorities with civil society institutions in order to ensure security.;

- shortcomings have been identified in the system of strategic planning documents in the field of ensuring integrated security of the Arctic zone of the Russian Federation in terms of their system and content, and measures have been

developed to eliminate them, including a mechanism for the legal forms of implementation of indicators set out in strategic planning documents;

- the main directions of public legal support for certain types of integrated security in the Arctic zone of the Russian Federation have been identified, taking into account modern threats and existing issues, including new directions that currently do not have a full-fledged regulatory regulation.