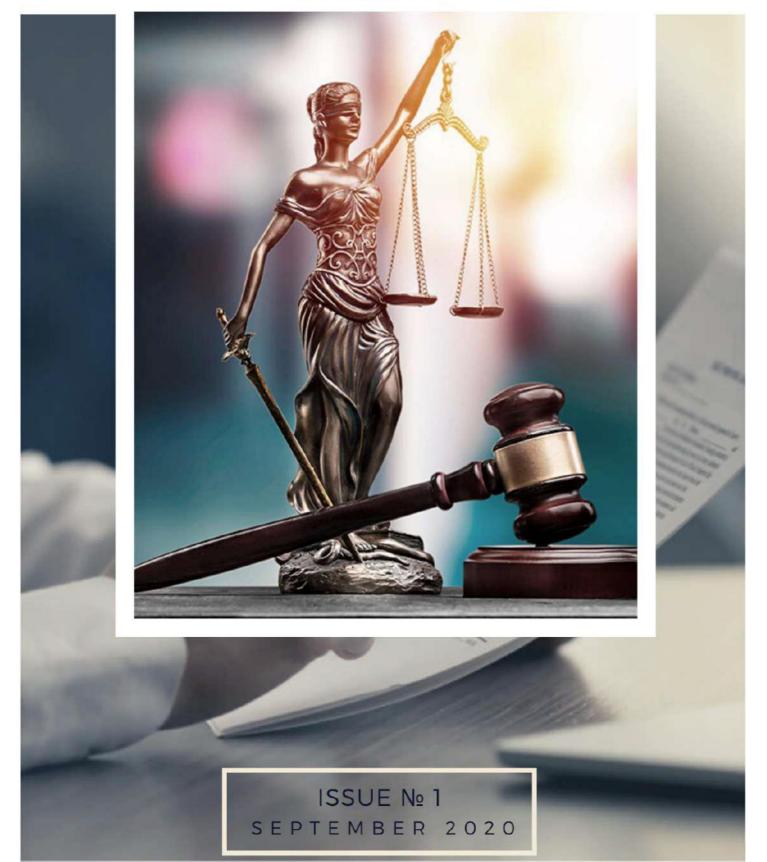
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# LEGAL REGULATION OF THE USE OF ELECTRONIC DOCUMENTS IN CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS

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## ARTICLE INFO ABSTRACT

# **Keywords:**

Criminal procedure, electronic data, electronic evidence, evidence, law, information, technology. This article discusses how to use electronic documents and electronic evidence in criminal proceedings. Conclusions and suggestions for using evidence electronically are also provided.

The role and importance of information modern and communication technologies in the fight against crime and the conduct of investigations and inquiries into pre-trial investigations into the crime are invaluable. One of the most legal reforms important being implemented by the state is the improvement of criminal procedure legislation taking into account the trends of the world community's rapid development, reliable protection of citizens' rights and freedoms, public and state interests, peace and security.

President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoev 2020 In his address to the Parliament on January 24, he said: "Our goal is to make Uzbekistan a developed country, which we can achieve only through intensive reforms, education and innovation.

As the wise men of the East "The riches say, greatest are knowledge. intelligence and the greatest legacy is good education, and the greatest poverty is ignorance!"

We need digital knowledge and modern information technology to make progress. This will allow us to follow the shortest path of advancement. After all, information technologies are being penetrated in all areas of the world today.

Despite the fact that our country rose by 8 positions in the International Information and Communication Technology Index in 2019, we are still far behind. Most ministries and agencies, businesses are far from digital technologies.

Of course, we know very well that the formation of a digital economy requires the necessary infrastructure, a lot of resources and labor resources. However, no matter how hard it may be, when do we not begin today? It will be too late active tomorrow. Therefore. an transition to the digital economy is the future, It will be one of our top priorities for 5 years.

Digital technology not only improves the quality of products and services, but also reduces costs. At the same time, they are an effective tool in eradicating the corruption scandal, which is the most troubling thing that bothers me. We all need to understand this.

**Public** public and administration, as well as in the social sphere, widely can be implemented in digital technologies, increasing efficiency and, in a word, dramatically improving people's lives[1].

It is well-known that wide use of modern information and resources in electronic form through the wide introduction of modern information and communication technologies in every area of society is established.

Decree of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan dated May 14, 2018 "On measures to radically improve the criminal and criminal procedure legislation".

The resolution approved the Concept of Improvement of Criminal and Criminal Procedure Legislation in order to ensure full implementation of the principle of "priority of the law - punishment is inevitable".

Of the Criminal Procedure Code of the Republic of Uzbekistan

Article 81 shall be considered as evidence in a criminal case, any fact which may be established by the inquiry officer, investigator or court to determine whether а socially dangerous the act occurred, innocence of the person who committed the act. and other circumstances relevant for the proper resolution of the caseand this information is determined by the testimony of a witness, victim, suspect, accused, defendant, expert opinion, physical evidence, audio recordings, video recordings, film photographs, records and of investigative and judicial acts and other documents.[2].

However, the criminal procedure law does not contain procedural rules for the recognition of "electronic data" as evidence.

It is well known that evidence is important at the stage of evidence consisting of collecting, verifying and evaluating evidence to determine the facts relevant to a legal, reasonable and equitable resolution of a criminal case. [3].

In accordance with criminal procedure law, one of the most stages of important criminal proceedings is the stage of pre-trial investigation, which is conducted prior to the initiation of a criminal case, and the importance of the criminal case carried out by the investigator and prosecutor in strict compliance with criminal procedural legislation. collecting, verifying, recording and evaluating factual data available.

Interrogation of the suspect, accused, defendant, witness, victim, one of the preliminary investigative actions; confrontation; presentation identification: for verification of testimony at the crime scene; withdrawal; search; browse; to testify; exhumation of a corpse; conduct experiments; sampling for expert research; appointment of examination and inspection; to provided objects accept and evidence documents; from investigative actions, such as hearing conversations over phones and other communication devices.

Criminal Procedure Code of the Republic of Uzbekistan mandatory compliance by the bodies of preliminary investigation with the norms of criminal procedure law in criminal proceeding requirements set out in Article 11, It is also important to adhere strictly to the collection, verification and evaluation of evidence, and any deviation from a clear and consistent enforcement of the law will result in the admission of irrelevant evidence, whatever the reason.

2012 Plenum of the Supreme Court of the Republic of Uzbekistan December 13, "On Some Issues of Application of Criminal Legislation on Physical Evidence" Paragraph 2 of Decision No.17 identifies the material facts or signs that may serve as a basis for determining the facts of a criminal case and that the subject is a weapon, the subject of a criminal act, as a physical evidence. It is established that the property, money and other valuables obtained through criminal proceeds after the commission of a criminal act are recognized. [4].

Paragraph 9 of this Decision states that "information storage devices" (telephone sets, memory cards), which will be destroyed after copying the information not prohibited by law, shall be destroyed upon transfer to such owner or their representative.

The availability of electronic data storage facilities (computers, telephones, memory cards. other electronic and electronic means) that are relevant to the case in scientific sources can be stated as physical evidence and "electronic data" as "electronic (digital) evidence":

According to information and technology approaches, "electronic data" means the understanding of electronic applications on computers, telephones, memory cards and other electronic devices, electronic mails and documents, audio and video files, Internet and social networks, and other electronic applications. [5].

It has also been shown that electronic evidence can be understood only as an object that exists in the electronic region and has the content of information [6].

Electronic documents are allowed in criminal proceedings, as is often the case with other documents, because they are outside the scope of the criminal procedure through investigations and other procedural actions during the normal course of business. Other participants in the case have the right to collect and

present evidence. Electronic documents can be used from the initiation of a criminal case to appealing court decisions and used as evidence at all stages of criminal proceedings. [7].

As for the "electronic data" and their classification and the role of this type of information in the criminal justice system, the information technology literature is as follows.

In particular, it is possible to that although national state legislation and theory have provided guidelines concerning the concept and definition of electronic document. the theory rules or regarding the concept of "electronic information" have not been provided.

the However, in foreign literature, the concept of "electronic data" is as follows: electronic data is an image of the present state of the computer, in which it is written, created, and presented in a formally and specifically formulated artificial language. However, the concept of "electronic data" is more accurate than the concept of "information (information)", all of which are abstract models of information exchange. [8].

Currently, according to industry legislation, the concept of "electronic information" is used in close proximity to the notions of "electronic document", "electronic digital

signature", "electronic message", "electronic data carrier".

It is important to understand "electronic data" as computer, mobile phone, memory cards and other electronic software, electronic mail and documents, audio and video files, internet and social networks, and other electronic applications, as information and technology approaches accordingly.

However, the criminal procedure law does not contain procedural rules for the recognition of "electronic data" as evidence.

As for the "electronic evidence", referring to industry-specific sources, the software may be automated, stored and stored on electronic or technical devices or other types of electronic data, depending on the nature of the software, as a set of digital signs or signals. important electronic data

can be considered as electronic evidence.

# In conclusion, summarizing the above, we can state the following:

- to define the procedural legal definition of the concept of "electronic evidence" in criminal procedural legislation as a type of evidence;
- development of procedural rules that determine the procedure for collecting, verifying and integrating "electronic evidence" in the criminal phase of the criminal procedure;
- it is advisable to introduce an "electronic record" that is compiled by an electronic digital signature on investigative actions carried out by an investigating officer, investigator, prosecutor and judge collecting "electronic evidence" in the criminal case prior to the investigation.

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