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**THE STATE’S ECONOMIC SECURITY: ESSENCE, ELEMENTS  
AND PROBLEMS OF ENSURING**

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***Research methodology.*** *To study the evolution of the basic concepts and categories such as «security» and «economic security of the state» the following methods were used: induction and deduction, comparison and classification; system analysis — to study the functional components of economic security of the state; graphic — for a visual representation of theoretical and methodological material; abstract and logical — for theoretical generalizations and conclusions of the study.*

***Results.*** *We have analysed the essence of such categories as «security» and «economic security of the state», considered the existing approaches to their definition and clarified that the concept of «economic security» is based on the definitions and principles of «se­curity». The main components of economic security of the state have been defined. The key problems of our time have been identified to ensure the economic security of the country.*

***Novelty.*** *We have suggested including only those elements to the functional structure of the economic security of the state that characterize only the economic processes, and related phenomena, such as: investment-innovation, financial, foreign trade, food and energy security.*

***Practical significance.*** *It is in the substantiation of the recommendations for the formation and maintenance of economic security of the state.*