

## Foreign trade of Ukraine: problems of structural changes and priorities

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The article is devoted to the foreign trade of Ukraine as an important component of the international economic activity. The authors analyzed official data of the State Statistics Service of Ukraine, namely, indicators of foreign trade operations volume, and on their basis calculated the resulting indicators for 2008-2015 period. To study the current status and identify trends, there are investigated goods and regional structures of foreign trade, calculated indicators of dynamics and intensity of exports and imports in terms of integration associations, goods groups. In the context of integration priorities changes, special attention is paid to the regional structure of foreign operations; identified and analyzed the structural changes in the geography of trade in goods; studied the dynamics of share in goods and services trade with the European Union and the CIS in the total

foreign trade; highlighted the priority export markets for domestic products, the leading countries by the dynamics of change in exports from Ukraine in 2015; and found countries with one of the largest shares of imports supply.

Study of Ukraine's foreign trade was continued through the quantitative analysis of partner countries and enterprises of foreign trade in goods and services for 2008-2015 periods. Study of structure in goods was deepened through the analysis of cost indicators and the relative shares of individual goods groups in total exports.

As the result of the study, the authors revealed a downward dynamics of the value indicators; marked decline in the share of CIS countries among the priority partners of Ukraine; paid attention to the issue of diversification of export and import flows, declining of foreign trade turnover.