

THE BORDER AS A DEVELOPMENT FACTOR OF THE MARINE INFRASTRUCTURE OF UKRAINE

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The article pays attention to the border as an important factor in the formation of the marine infrastructure of the country and the present development of Ukraine. Features of the development of the world economy show the interdependence of the developed maritime infrastructure, its place in international trade and peculiarities of passing the state border. The authors note the fact that an advantageous geographical position and convenient line of the state border of Ukraine can expand its transit opportunities in the maritime international transport and have a positive effect on the development of the economy of the state as a whole.

In the article states that geographical position and lobbying for the interests of ports, maritime trade routes by the Government of Ukraine gives the opportunity to occupy a leading position among maritime transportation primarily in the Black Sea region. This is one of the essential features of the attrac-

tiveness of the national market for foreign investors and manufacturers. At the moment, Ukrainian ports are the only means for a number of manufacturers (including from Europe) for the carriage of goods. Geographical proximity to them is the main criterion in choosing a supplier of transport services.

The authors provide their own views on the structuring of Ukrainian ports in transport centres: Odeskyi, Izmailskyi, Mykolaievskyi, Azovskyi.

Among the problems hampering the development of ports and port infrastructure, except for economic ones, researchers identify a border. Political instability around the state border and its legal lack of alignment with some of the neighbours at the moment is an important factor in inhibiting the development of maritime infrastructure.

Ukraine has a prospect for more effective and rational use of its "territorial opportunities" to attract additional transit flows.