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STATUTE OF THE WORLD CUSTOMS ORGANIZATION AS A KIND OF SPECIAL INTERNATIONAL CONTRACT (SUI GENERIS)

The increasing role of international organizations is one of the characteristic tendencies of international law. Under these circumstances, a special weight gaining expertise on specific theoretical and practical aspects of their international legal status. Certainly, these issues are legal nature of the constituent acts of international organizations – their statutes.

Special legal nature of the constituent acts of international organizations find its confirmation in the practice of international law, and particular in the Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties, which applies to any contracts which is the constituent act of an international organization without prejudice to the relevant rules of the organization.

The World Customs Organization is the key element of international cooperation in the field of customs, and its legal status determines not only the basic functions of the organization, but also

the nature of the subjects of international customs cooperation relations. Its Constitutive Act (Statute) is the Convention establishing the Customs Co-operation Council adopted 15 December 1950, which did not change its name even after in 1994 the Customs Cooperation Council renamed the World Customs Organization.

The article shows the correspondences of the Statute World Customs Organization concept of international agreement contained in the Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties of 1969, and are conformity with the characteristic features of the constituent acts of international organizations which are in the doctrine of international law. Analysis of the content and structure of the World Customs Organization's Statute and revealed a number of features that are caused by the specifics of international law customs relations.