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REGULATION OF COASTAL SHIPPING IN THE BLACK SEA AND AZOV SEA DURING THE LATE XVIII – FIRST HALF OF THE XIX CENTURY

The article is devoted to the study of the problems of legal regulation of coastal shipping in the Black Sea and Azov Sea basins in the end of XVIII – first half of XIX centuries. The work indicates that due to different circumstances this issue was almost unconsidered up to the end of the 1820s, which had a negative impact on the economy of the whole region, slowing the growth of trade, settlements, development of all merchant shipping. A very significant portion of coastal fleet, serving the Northern coast of the Black Sea and Azov Sea, consisted of the foreign vessels, mainly Turkish. Only by the middle of the XIX century, it became able, though not to full extent, to refuse participation of foreign vessels in local shipping industry. By the same period basic guidelines for the activities of the coastal fleet were developed. A regulatory framework for coastal shipping in the Black and Azov seas was laid down in decrees: on 10 October 1821 “On approval of the regulations on the opening of the Kerch port and the staffs of Quarantine and Customs districts,” 4 August, 1827 “On issuance for the building of the coastal trade vessels on the Azov Sea, instead of previously defined 2000 rubles, 4000 rubles per person in a form of loan,” 11 June, 1828 “On refusal to levy in benefit for the municipal income the last and other taxes from ships raising less than ten lasts [a last = 200 cubic feet],” 12 February 1830 “Supplementary regulation on the trade shipbuilding and seafaring,” 4 July 1830 “On establishment in Kherson the merchant yard with administration provided with staff,” 24 September, 1835, “On the issuance of the loans, secured by reliable guarantees from the fund of the Black Sea shipbuilding promotion,” 6 July 1837 “On loans for the construction of coastal trade vessels for navigation on the Azov Sea,” “On measures on strengthening of the capital, intended for shipbuilding for the construction of the Black Sea merchant ships.”