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An assessment of the level of economic integration of Russia's regions within the system of economic security

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Аннотация:

This paper explores issues of economic integration at the subnational level in the context of ensuring the economic security of the Russian Federation. The authors propose assessing the level of economic integration using an indicator of the overall openness of a region's economy. They have developed a methodology for assessing the level of economic integration among regions, which is formalized as an algorithm reflecting a succession of operations on calculating the above indicator and diagnosing potential threats to the economic security of the nation and its regions. The paper identifies three specific groups of constituent entities of the Russian Federation: Cluster 1 - regions taking an active part in interregional commodity exchange, with high values of the indicator of the overall openness of the regional economy; Cluster 2 - regions with a medium level of economic openness; Cluster 3 - regions which are poor participants in processes of regional interaction, characterized by a low level of openness of the regional economy. Using cluster analysis, the authors diagnose the issue of poor economic integration among Russia's regions and identify a number of threats to economic security relative to 34 constituent entities of the Russian Federation.

Ключевые слова:

Cluster analysis, Economic integration, Economic security, Region, Threats to the economic security of regions