

## **Interregional trade relations: The republic of tatarstan and volga federal district regions of Russian federation**

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### **Abstract**

In the paper the cluster analysis of inter-regional trade of the Republic of Tatarstan with the regions of the Volga federal district was carried out in dynamics for the period from 2005 to 2010 in order to identify opportunities and forms of further economic integration. Author identified regions - leaders with an average turnover more than 5 billion rubles (Republic of Bashkortostan, Nizhny Novgorod region, Samara region), and region - outsider with an average turnover less than 1 billion rubles (Penza region). Upon that, trade relations with the Ulyanovsk region and the Perm Territory should be intensified. The clustering of regions on purchase and sale of different types of products for industrial purposes in Tatarstan was made by Ward's method. As a result, groups of regions in the Volga Federal District with similar consumer and sale baskets towards the Republic of Tatarstan were identified. It allowed to determine the main directions of Tatarstan inter-regional economic integration. The first vector of this integration is development of the inter-regional cluster in petrochemical industry with the Republic of Bashkortostan, the Samara and Nizhny Novgorod regions, the second is the inter-regional cluster in the automotive industry with the Nizhny Novgorod and Samara regions, the third is the inter-regional cluster in the field of aviation with the Ulyanovsk and Samara regions, and the Perm Territory.

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### **Keywords**

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