



The main port potential of Ukraine is concentrated in 18 merchant sea ports of the State Department for Maritime and Inland Water Transport and the Ministry of Transport of the Ukraine. Starting from 1997 the cargo turnover in the sea ports has been increasing. In 1999 it exceeded 80 million tons, in 2000 it is expected to reach 84 million tons.

The sea ports of the Ukraine are deep-sea ports, with specialized cargo handling terminals equipped with modern equipment, are situated along the international transport corridors.

Review of Ukrainian Ports

Along its Black and Azov Sea coastline there are 18 merchant sea ports: Reni, Izmail, Ust-Dunaisk, Belgorod-Dnestrovsky, Illichevsk, Odessa, Yuzhny, Nikolayev, Sevastopol, Yalta, Theodosia, Kerch, Berdyansk and Mariupol.

The berthage line of these 18 major sea ports total more than 38 km, consisting of: about 11 km for bulk and dry-bulk cargo; about 15 km for all types of general cargo; 4,5 km for passenger operations; 1,5 km for liquid cargoes; and 4 km for auxiliary functions.

The 18 ports are equipped with about 600 gantry cranes, approx. 1,500 forklift trucks of different types, and some 400 other units of port machinery. These ports have over 500,000 sq. m of sheltered storage areas, and over 2 million sq. m of open storage spaces.

The most important Ukrainian ports are those of Odessa, Illichevsk and Yuzhny, all situated not far from each other on the northwestern part of the Black Sea coast. These three ports alone account for 70% of the total cargo turnover in Ukrainian sea ports; and offer the best sea approach ways, which can accommodate large vessels with draft of from 11,5 m to even 14 m; The major container terminals in Ukraine are located in ports of Odessa and Illichevsk.

ODESSA SEA PORT

General information: The port is located on the northwestern coast of the Black Sea.

Navigation is possible year-round, but during severe winter ice conditions which can last about 30 days, icebreaker assistance often proves to be necessary.

Only vessels that do not exceed draft 12 m, length 240 m and breadth 40 m are allowed into the port's inner waters. Gas carriers are forbidden to enter port waters.

Specifications: The port can handle up to 38 million tons of cargo per year, ie 14 million tons of dry cargoes and 24 million tons of liquid bulk cargoes.

The port is equipped with modern equipment, machinery and devices for handling the following cargoes: oil and petroleum products, bulk raw sugar, bulk and packed grain, citrus fruits, bananas, and other cargoes packed in sacks, boxes, packets, big bags, barrels, or containers.

There are 38 berths with depths ranging from 8 to 13 m.

The berth line totals over 8,000 m.

The port has 7 terminals for handling dry cargoes, as well as oil and container terminals.

The port is equipped with various harbors that provide inspection areas and specialized terminals, harbors.

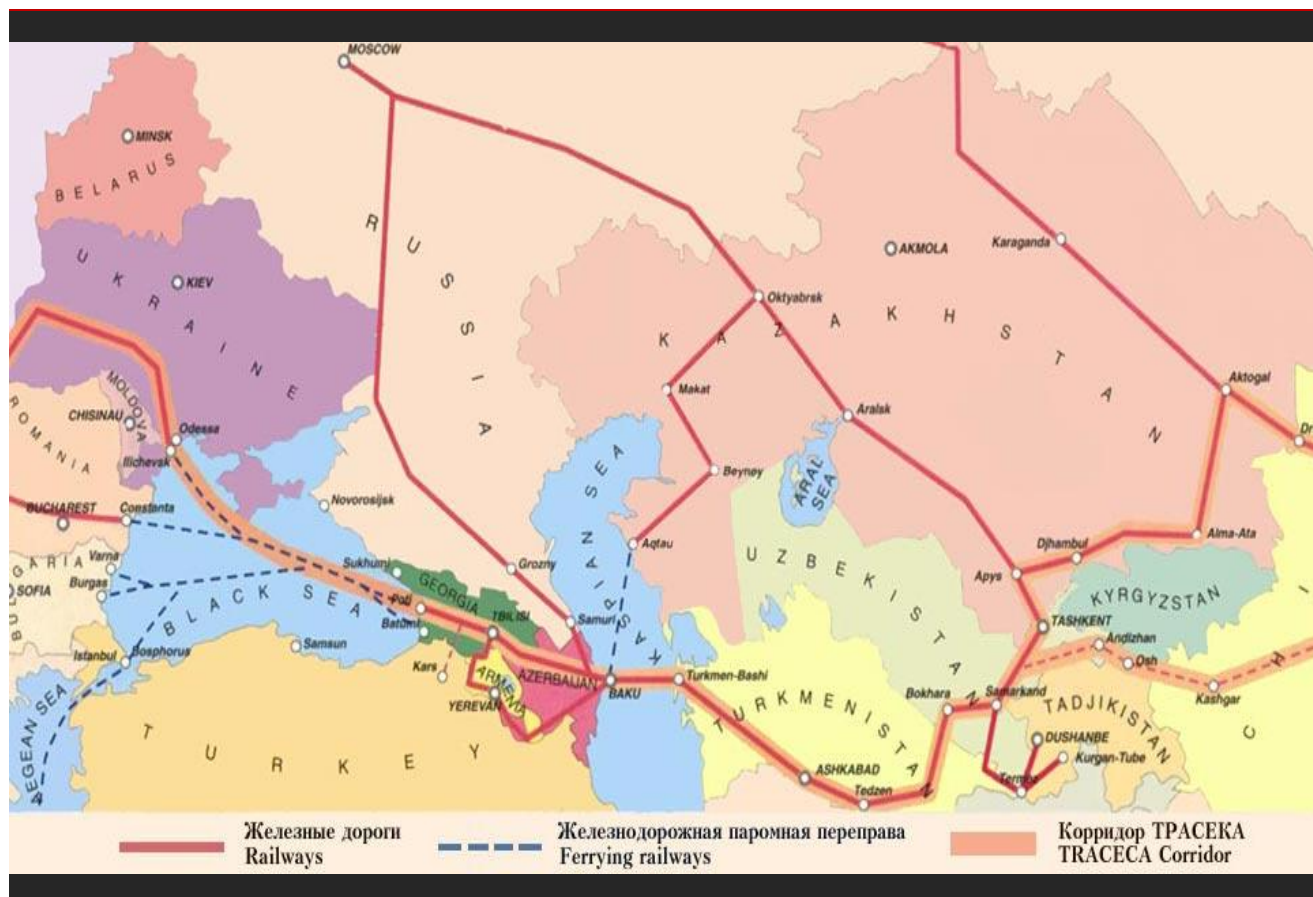
quarantine harbor admits ships of up to 11,5 m draft and 240 m length.

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Freight forwarding via railway, sea and river ports of Ukraine, as well as via the CIS countries, Baltic states and countries of Central Asia is performed by Ukrainian forwarding companies.



ILICHEVSK SEA PORT

Illichevsk merchant sea port, one of the largest in Ukraine, is situated on the coast of Suchoy Liman (estuary), 12 miles southwest of Odessa. The port can admit vessels of up to 13 m draft and lifting capacity more than 100,000 t. Port Illichevsk is a component of the European Community's 9th International Transport Corridor, and also a component of the Baltic Sea- Black Sea Corridor. Railway ferry crossings connect the port with Bulgaria and Georgia.

The port's throughput capacity is 24 million tons a year.

The port features specialized cargo facilities:

- railway ferry terminal;
- liquid cargoes terminal for handling liquid fertilizers, liquid caustic soda and vegetable oils;

- sheltered terminal for storage and transfer of bulk
- mineral fertilizers;
- container terminal;

Port offers specialized facilities for handling heavy lifts (max. 300 t).

Port facilities

The port has 28 berths, and the berthing line runs a total of 5,5 km. Its berthing depths range from 9,6 to 13 m.

All port berths are equipped with railway access lines, that have enabled the port to reach a turnover capacity of up to 700 wagons a day.

Additional Services

Different cargoes can be readied and loaded, forwarding service.

Container transportation around the Ukraine, the CIS and European countries via heavyweight trucks.