

Review

of the student's thesis work by **Dmitry I. Nikonov** on the topic:

“The main features of the US trade policy”

	Scale of assessments, scores		Scores			
			High	Medium	Low	Unsatisfactory
	excellent (A)	8,5 – 10				
	very good (B)	7 – 8,4				
	good (C)	6 – 6,9				
	satisfactory (D)	5 – 5,9				
	low (E)	4 – 4,9	0,8-1	0,8-0,5	0,5-0,1	0
	failed (F)	< 3,9				
1.	Compliance of the thesis theme with the MA programme competences		1.0			
2.	Conception's authenticity, the author's own approach to the problem			0.7		
3.	Clarity of goals and objectives of the study			0.7		
4.	Scientific and practical significance of the study			0.7		
5.	Presence of authentic information collected and processed by the author			0.7		
6.	The author's relevant use of economic analysis methods			0.5		
7.	Theoretical background of the study			0.7		
8.	The scale of use of foreign sources by the author			0.8		
9.	The scale the author uses the studies issued by Economic Faculty of SPSU			0.5		
10.	Degree of compliance with the University requirements for diploma works			0.5		
	Total score		6.8			

Remarks and questions

1. Unfortunately, the author did not pay enough attention to the USTR. What is the role of the USTR in trade policy-making process in the USA? What could be used by Russian Federation from the experience of the USTR?
2. What are key issues of US relations with European Union?
3. What is the surrogate country approach in antidumping investigations? How often do the USA use this approach and towards which countries?
4. How active are the USA in the WTO dispute settlement process? What are the potential threats for Russia?
5. What are the topical issues of relations of the USA with its NAFTA partners?
6. What is the nature of so called Magnitsky Act? How does the issue influence US-Russian economic relations?

Diploma thesis of **Dmitry I. Nikonov** is broadly in line with the University requirements for studies of this kind, and may be admitted to assessment, preliminary evaluation is good (c)

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