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## Date of Entry into Force May 5, 2004

The Law ratifies the Treaty for Cooperation in Utilizing the Azov Sea and the Kerch Strait between Ukraine and the Russian Federation. The Treaty between Ukraine and the Russian Federation was signed in Kerch on December 24, 2003.

In the text of the Agreement it is stated, that the Parties, guided by relations of friendship and cooperation between the people of Ukraine and Russia, brotherly ties between them, have agreed that:

- the Azov Sea and the Kerch Strait are internal waters of Ukraine and the Russian Federation;
- the Azov Sea is demarcated by the state border pursuant to the Treaty between the Parties:
- ships flying flags of the Parties which are used in non-commercial purposes shall enjoy in the Azov Sea and the Kerch Strait freedom of navigation;

 ships of other states will be able to enter the Azov Sea and pass the Kerch Strait only on invitation of one of the Parties and on permit of the other one.

Ukrainian-Russian cooperation in the Azov Sea and the Kerch Strait shall be ensured by implementation of already concluded treaties, as well as by concluding new treaties in the respective cases.

All disputes between the Parties, related to implementation of conditions of this Treaty, shall be settled by consultations and negotiations.

It is stipulated in the Treaty, that any amendments and additions to it shall be registered by separate protocols, which shall come into effect from the moment of exchange of the respective instruments of ratification by the Parties.

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