

Abstract:

In this master's thesis I would like to focus on the development of foreign trade in the first years of the independent Czechoslovak state. The export of various domestic products and goods has always played an important role in the modern history of this state - from the Industrial Revolution through the twentieth century to the present day. The first Czechoslovak governments also paid a great deal of attention to foreign trade, as it was to be an important part of the country's active balance of trade.

Between 1918 and 1922, various governments tried to control foreign trade through various commissions, syndicates and a special office for foreign trade. The focus of this thesis will therefore be on analysing the activities of these institutions. The aim of the thesis will be to give an account of how foreign trade was conducted, how it was transformed and what influence government policy had on it. I have chosen to end the thesis in 1922, when the Foreign Trade Office was abolished, which was justified by the end of the transition to a market economy.