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## **REGISTRATION OF VESSELS UNDER CONSTRUCTION**

The article deals with the concept of the "vessel under construction", its legal nature, position in the Polish maritime legal system, and in particular with regulations relating to its registration. The Author attempts to distinguish this entity from other, only apparently similar objects, like seagoing vessel in trials and towed unit. Predominant emphasis is put however on various issues concerning the registration of vessels under construction, especially on questions whether there exists an obligation of their registration and what legal grounds of this can be invoked. The article discusses and condemns quite common but illegitimate practice of Polish administrative authorities, which force the registration of vessels under construction in either register of vessels under construction run by maritime chambers or in the administrative registry kept by maritime offices. Finally, the Author suggests certain amendments aiming at the improvement of the Polish legal regulations concerning the topic in question.