

Abstract

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Examining the Status of Egypt's River Transport System

Purpose of this paper: This research aims at presenting a comprehensive overview of the river transport sector in Egypt. The sector is facing several challenges and barriers for logistical development. Moreover, the river transport system in Egypt has unique characteristics and abilities to be utilised properly and efficiently. However, there are numerous reasons for establishing a sound logistics system in Egypt which therefore hinder the development of the river transport sector. Design/methodology/approach: This research follows an exploratory methodology that aims at discovering the current status of the Egyptian river transport system. An exploratory methodology was followed due to the remarkable lack of information on the river transport system in Egypt. The inductive approach was applied in the study through the comprehensive analysis of qualitative data related to the topic that has been published in various sources in addition to a number of structured interviews that were conducted. Findings: The research findings focus on the factors that hinder the development of the river transport system in Egypt. In addition, a comparison of Egypt's river transport's system through the use of a conceptual model that shows the ideal inland waterway system is provided. Then the research proposes suggestions and solutions for the previously mentioned obstacles for river transport sector in Egypt, which has been outlined in a descriptive model in order to have an integrated concept for this issue. Research limitations/implications: Due to the lack of resources and previous studies on Egypt's river transport system, the research did not provide technical and legislative issues relating to this transport sector. What is original/value of paper: Research that focuses on river transport are scarce and there are numerous obstacles that face the development of river transport system in Egypt. Therefore, this paper is attempting to fill the gap which exists in this discipline.