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The so called *categorical terms* introduced in a recent joint work of Z. Janelidze and D. Bourn, provide on the one hand, a category-theoretic approach to the theme of Mal'tsev conditions in Universal Algebra, and on the other hand, they open a possibility for a universal-algebraic style of treatment of many topics in modern Categorical Algebra. For example, the so called Mal'tsev categories can be characterized via categorical Mal'tsev terms, much in the spirit of the classical characterization of congruence-permutable varieties obtained by A. I. Mal'tsev in 1954 (see [D. Bourn and Z. Janelidze, Approximate Mal'tsev operations, Theory and Applications of Categories 21, 2008, 152-171]). The main goal of the present work is to revisit congruence-modular varieties via the categorical counterparts of Day and Gumm terms characterizing these varieties, and to investigate the connection between the corresponding categorical term condition and Gumm's shifting lemma. (Received November 28, 2009)