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### Legislative initiatives

#### Russian Government approves EAEU Customs Code Agreement

The Russian Government has approved the EAEU Customs Code Agreement.

For more details about the document please refer to the LT of [17 August 2016](#).

[Official Internet Portal for Legal Information](#)

#### Russian Federal Tax Service 2017 work plan approved

The Russian Federal Tax Services reports on the approval of its [2017 work plan](#), outlining the following focus areas:

- Activities towards joining the OECD's inclusive CbC reporting framework;
- Exchanging of tax information with the foreign competent authorities under bilateral double tax treaties and the Convention on Administrative Assistance in Tax Matters;
- Preparing amendments to the Russian statutory regulations regarding disclosure of beneficiary owners of nominee bank accounts;
- Developing means and methods of combating tax evasion, including use of data analytics to detect tax offences;
- Introducing new approaches in tax supervision, including risk-oriented approach;
- Designing and approving digital formats for primary documents, source documents and other documents;
- Setting up a uniform administration mechanism for taxes and customs duties;
- Integrating the information resources of the Russian Tax Service and the Federal Service for Alcohol Market Regulation;
- Running a pilot for labelling and monitoring certain medications;
- Exercising and strengthening FX control;
- Setting up a federal information framework for maintaining a uniform state register of vital statistics;
- Preparing for implementation of a tax free pilot in Russia.

[Official Federal Russian Tax Service website](#)

## Draft of information society strategy for 2017-2030 developed

The Federation Council reports that a draft Strategy for development of information society in Russia for 2017-2030 has been prepared.

The strategy will set the priorities, objectives and measures of Russia's national and foreign policy in information and communications to foster the development of the information society and shaping the digital economy.

The document names several focus areas:

- Increasing the non-resource Russian exports through innovations;
- Boosting the competitiveness of Russian high-tech companies;
- Supporting Russian products and services in entering the foreign markets;
- Setting up the mechanisms for enforcing competition protection laws for online retailers selling software,

products and services, ensuring an equal tax treatment for both Russian and foreign companies;

- Fostering localisation by foreign IT companies of their production and operations in the Russian Federation;
- Developing the payments and logistics infrastructure for e-commerce;
- Setting up the certification and licensing procedures for imported products;
- Limiting or blocking access to platforms of the foreign online retailers selling software, products, and services, for breaches of the Russian legislation;
- Exercising customs control over goods ordered online;
- Protecting Russian e-commerce customers.

[Official Federation Council Website](#)

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## Media review

### Initiative to expand powers of Russian Export Center

An initiative to expand the powers of the Russian Export Center has been put forward, including the following functions:

- Acting as the governmental policy coordinator and the governmental agent for allocation of subsidies and guarantees, as a single export support body;
- Coordinating activities of the intergovernmental commissions for trade and economic cooperation with the foreign states; representing the Russian Federation in international organisations;
- Issuing certificates of origin and carnets permitting a temporary duty-free import of goods in the territory of the Istanbul Convention member states;
- Granting subsidies to reimburse the customs expenses;
- Performing the tax agent's functions for VAT refund purposes;
- Allocating of R&D subsidies and promotion of civil and dual-use products manufactured by defense companies.

[Kommersant](#)

### Initiative to expand authority of Prosecutor General's Office

The Office of the Prosecutor General of Russia has suggested that it undertakes the coordinator's role in detection, seizure and repatriation of criminal proceeds.

The initiative is expecting review of the Russian Government and the Russian President.

[Vedomosti](#)

### Russian Ministry of Economic Development lobbies lowering of excise rates and minimum thresholds for retail liquor prices

The Russian Ministry of Economic Development proposes lowering the excise rates and the minimum thresholds for retail liquor prices and lifting the restrictions imposed on retail liquor sales in 2012-2016.

The Ministry is expected to produce a more detailed proposal by May 2017.

The Russian Ministry of Finance does not support the initiative.

[Kommersant](#)

### Tax incentives in Russia. Key developments in 2016

We are pleased to present a [video review](#) of the key legislative news and developments regarding tax incentives in Russia in 2016.



### Best available technologies: cost cutting and incentives

Federal Law No [219-FZ](#) of 21 July 2014 seriously changed the environmental regulatory landscape. The LT in Focus of [6 December 2016](#) overviews the key changes related to best available technologies and gives insights from Deloitte's specialists on their legal and tax implications for different industries.

### New issue of IT Legal Drive

We are pleased to present a new [issue](#) of IT Legal Drive, offering an overview of the latest Russian IT and e-commerce trends and news for November 2016. To subscribe to the news, please follow the [link](#).

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We hope you will find the information in this edition interesting and helpful. Our specialists are ready to answer any questions you may have on the issues covered in this edition.

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### TaxSmart app



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