

Legislative Tracking



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Federal portal for draft regulations

<http://regulation.gov.ru/projects#npa=47668>

New draft law obliging legal entities to compensate for accumulated environmental damage

The Russian Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment is preparing a draft law that would require companies to compensate for the environmental damage accumulated due to their business operations in the past.

Specifically, the draft law proposes to:

- Introduce the concepts of “accumulated environmental damage”, “accumulated ecological damage”, “sites subject to accumulated ecological damage”, and “remediation of accumulated environmental damage”;
- Take an environmental inventory and create a register of sites subject to accumulated environmental damage;
- Oblige legal entities to remediate accumulated environmental damage, but only in relation to sites owned by such entities and included in a property group (complex asset) during the transfer of property rights, including during privatisation; in all other cases, environmental damage will be remediated at the expense of the state;
- Establish a number of requirements towards the remediation of environmental damage by legal entities, including:
 - The development of a programme for the stage-by-stage remediation of accumulated environmental damage and the coordination of said programme with the competent authorities;
 - The filing of annual progress reports on the stage-by-stage remediation of accumulated environmental damage;
 - The obligation to inform buyers of assets about existing sites subject to accumulated environmental damage.

If the draft law is adopted, the provisions obliging legal entities to remediate accumulated environmental damage will take effect on 1 January 2019.

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Official website of the Russian Ministry of Industry and Trade

http://minpromtorg.gov.ru/press-centre/news/#!minpromtorg_rossii_gotovit_strategiyu_po_razvitiyu_internettorgovli_v_rossiyskoy_federacii

Initiative to develop strategy for promoting e-commerce in Russia

The Russian Ministry of Industry and Trade is working on a draft strategy for the development of e-commerce in the Russian Federation up to 2020.

A dedicated project team will be created, which will bring together representatives of the federal executive authorities, experts of the National Association of Distance Selling, the Association of Internet Trade Companies, e-commerce operators, logistics companies and payment system operators.

In particular, this document is expected to cover the implementation of the following two groups of activities to develop e-commerce in the Russian Federation:

- Measures aimed at removing unnecessary barriers and facilitating a more friendly business environment for Russian companies;
- Measures aimed at levelling the playing field for Russian and foreign online retailers.

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