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**Vedomosti**

<http://www.vedomosti.ru/economics/articles/2016/01/26/625449-minfin-popravki-amnistiya>

## **Russian Ministry of Finance proposes expanding capital amnesty**

The Russian Ministry of Finance has prepared amendments to Federal Law No. 140-FZ of 8 June 2015 “On the Voluntary Declaration of Assets and Deposit Accounts in Banks by Individuals and on the Introduction of Amendments to Certain Russian Legislative Acts.” According to business newspaper Vedomosti, the draft amendments propose:

- Extending the list of assets that fall under the capital amnesty with respect to intangible assets (including rights to debt payments)
- Extending the amnesty to include non-cash funds
- Narrowing the repatriation requirements, replacing the Federal Tax Service blacklist with a list prepared by the Russian Ministry of Finance and extending the repatriation requirements to funds only, rather than all movable assets
- Permitting the declaration of property that has already been sold

As of the publication of this issue of Legislative Tracking, the text of the amendments has not been published.

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**RBC Daily**

<http://www.rbcdaily.ru/economy/562949999347667>

## **Russian Ministry of Finance Plans to Improve the Management of State Revenue and Tax Debt**

The Russian Ministry of Finance is developing a plan of action to improve the management of state revenue and receivables. According to RBC Daily, the following measures are being considered, among others:

- A ban on the use of state services by citizens with outstanding unpaid taxes;
- The enforced collection of fines through wage garnishment;
- A ban on entry to Russia for foreigners who have outstanding debts to the Russian budget;

- A ban on the participation of companies with tax or customs debts in government contracts;
- The obligation of taxpayers to reflect the descriptions and numbers of imported goods with the reference number of the customs declaration, as well as to reflect this information in the VAT declaration.

As of the publication of this issue of Legislative Tracking, the Ministry of Finance's plan has not been published and is still in the process of being developed.

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**Kommersant**

<http://kommersant.ru/doc/2900907>

### **European Commission draft laws aimed at regulating intergovernmental energy agreements**

The European Commission has prepared draft laws intended to become the founding documents for the European Energy Commission. According to the draft laws, plans call for:

- The establishment of a mechanism for the exchange of information about concluded intergovernmental energy agreements and those under preparation;
- The introduction of amendments to the Directive Concerning Measures to Safeguard Security of Gas Supply of 2010, which was adopted in response to the Russia-Ukraine gas crisis of 2009.

In particular, according to the proposed amendments, no country in the European Union can conclude intergovernmental energy agreements without the approval of the European Commission.

The European Commission also proposes requiring partners of all gas suppliers outside the European Union to disclose information on their long-term gas-supply contracts (lasting more than one year), including the contract validity period, the minimum and maximum daily volume, monthly and annual volumes, the gas transfer points and the contractual conditions for terminating deliveries.

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