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Finance Ministry proposes raising cost of special stamps for tobacco labelling

The Russian Ministry of Finance has prepared a draft resolution of the Government of the Russian Federation that provides for raising the cost of special tobacco labelling (excise) stamps from RUB 150 to RUB 203 per thousand.

[Federal draft legislation portal](#)

Media review

VKontakte sues data operators over use of open user data

The Russian social networking service VKontakte (an asset of Mail.ru Group) has filed a lawsuit with the Moscow Arbitration Court against OOO Dabl (operates under the Double Data brand) and the National Credit History Bureau (NBKI) seeking an injunction to cease the usage of open user data for commercial purposes.

NBKI offers services to credit institutions based on the technologies developed by Double Data: they allow to assess the borrower's creditworthiness using his VKontakte user data.

According to the plaintiff, Double Data retrieves user data, such as last and first names, employment and education data, friends' profiles, dates of birth and addresses, photos, usage frequency and type of devices used, from the social network database that has more than 407 million profiles.

Neither VKontakte nor its users have given their consent to such data retrieval and their use for business purposes. According to the experts, the legal battle is likely to set a precedent in Russia, thus threatening quite a few services that apply Big Data solutions.

As regards the usage of social network profiles, it is essential to differentiate between the processing of open user data by Double Data and the protection of VKontakte exclusive right to its database.

Profile data of VKontakte users can be treated as intellectual property - a database, i.e., a collection of information organised to make it searchable by computer. With this approach, VKontakte may be recognised as the exclusive owner of the database, holding the exclusive right to retrieve any information from the database and dispose of it in any form or manner.

[Kommersant](#)

Ministry of Economic Development releases economic overview for 2016

The Ministry of Economic Development has released an overview of development trends in different economy sectors in 2016, including the sectoral statistics for the year.

[Official Russian Federal Tax Service website](#)

Deloitte publications

Trends in e-commerce laws in 2016 and 2017 outlook

2016 saw quite controversial trends in the regulation of the Russian e-commerce market. The legislative changes adopted in 2016 will have a strong impact on the IT companies.

For Fintech companies the year was marked by the release of Federal Tax Service Letter on cryptocurrency regulations and innovations implemented by the Russian Central Bank throughout the year.

2017 may become equally important for the Russian IT sector.

For legislative recap of 2016 and the outlook for 2017, please refer to our IT Legal Drive for [January 2017](#).

Economic activity classification changed effective 1 January 2017

Order of the Federal Agency for Technical Regulation and Metrology No.14-st enacts as of 1 January 2017 the second revised edition of the Russian Classification of Economic Activities, or OK 029-2014 (OKVED2).

For more details please refer to LT in Focus of [24 January 2017](#)

Draft law on Chemical Safety developed

The development of [Draft Federal Law](#) on Chemical Safety has been finalised. The draft was based on the existing Fundamental Statutory Principles of the Chemical and Biological Safety for the Period From 2025 and Further. If adopted, this federal law will enter into force on 1 January 2018, except for certain provisions that will apply from 2019 and 2020.

For more details please refer to LT in Focus of [23 January 2017](#)

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We hope that you will find this edition interesting and informative. Should you have any questions on this subject, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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