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Russian State Duma to consider draft law on adding bearer plants, berry crops, and vines to list of food-related goods subject to 10% VAT

The Russian State Duma will consider draft law No. 19842-7 that expands the list of food-related goods sold under a 10% VAT to include bearer plants, berry crops, and vines.

[Official web site of the Russian State Duma](#)

Russian State Duma to consider draft law on registry of mala fide forest possessors

Draft law No.20654-7 on setting up a register of mala fide bidders and forest land possessors is submitted to the State Duma for consideration.

The register will include:

- Winning bidders failing to sign forest lease agreements or timber sale contracts;
- Forest land possessors whose leases were terminated by court due to material breach of contract;
- Persons that were subjected to administrative penalties for breaching the forestry law two times or more over a three-year period.

The above-mentioned violators will not be allowed to bid for forest land lease contracts or timber sale contracts.

[Official web site of the Russian State Duma](#)

Geneva Act of Hague Agreement Concerning International Registration of Industrial Designs submitted for ratification

The [Geneva Act of Hague Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Industrial Designs](#) of 6 July 1999 was submitted to the Russian State Duma for ratification.

The Act grants protection to industrial designs with effect in the territory to which the treaty applies subject to minimum formalities and costs.

The Geneva Act was signed by the Russian Federation on 6 July 1999.

The parties to the Geneva Act include 50 countries and international organizations, including the European Union, the African Regional Intellectual Property Organization, USA, Japan, South Korea and others.

[Official Internet Portal for Legal Information](#)

Zero import duties on precious metals scrap and waste extended

Eurasian Economic Commission Board Resolution No. 128 of 1 November 2016 extends zero import duties on precious metals waste and scrap with CU FEA CN (Commodity Nomenclature of Foreign Economic Activities) codes 7112 30 000 0, 7112 91000 0, 7112 92 000 0, 7112 99 000 through 31 December 2019.

The Resolution comes into effect on 1 January 2017.

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Mandatory medicine labelling initiative

The Russian Ministry of Health and the Russian Ministry of Industry and Trade are working on a package of proposals on mandatory medicine labelling.

According to the source, a pilot project will be launched on 1 January 2017 and will allow for a voluntary labelling of expensive pharmaceuticals intended for the treatment of rare diseases.

It is planned that in 2018, labelling will become mandatory for all types of medicines.

[RBCdaily](#)

Initiative to extend reduced toll rates under Platon System

The Russian Association of Food Producers requested extension of the reduced toll rates in the Platon Electronic Toll Collection System.

Last week, the Russian Ministry of Transport announced the Russian Government's plans to gradually raise the toll rates: to RUB 2.61 effective February 2017 and to RUB 3.06 effective June 2017.

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

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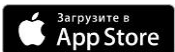


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