

LT in Focus

Civil defence: a legislative update

We would like to draw your attention to the changes in the civil defence regulations.

According to Article 9 of Federal Law No. 28-FZ "On Civil Defence" of 12 February 1998 (as amended on 30 December 2015), civil defence trainings are mandatory for all companies. Russian Government Resolution No. 470 of 19 April 2017 specified and expanded organizations' civil defence duties*:

Civil defence is a range of measures to train the civilians and protect them, material assets, and cultural heritage in Russia from the hazards arising during and after war conflicts and natural or man-made emergencies

*Civil defence duties of organizations are stated in Russian Government Resolution No. 841 of 2 November 2000

- To arrange and conduct a civil defence orientation for newcomers during the first month of their employment on the basis of the civil defence orientation and training programme implemented in the company
 - ✓ The orientation shall be conducted by a company officer appointed by a special order
 - ✓ Completion of orientation shall be recorded in the civil defence orientation log
- To conduct civil defence training courses on the *basis of a specially designed training programme*
 - ✓ The training course duration shall be **at least 16 hours**, with training sessions held **monthly during a year** in the groups of max. 25 employees, formed according to their positions and occupation
 - ✓ The trainers shall be appointed by an order of the company's head
 - ✓ The programmes require that companies have civil defence training and emergency protection kits in place
 - ✓ Training sessions completed by each group and their schedule shall be recorded in the respective civil defence training and emergency protection logs

The criteria for appointing the corporate civil defence officers depend on the company's total headcount and its readiness to operate during wartime (company classification by civil defence categories).

Liability for non-compliance with civil defence requirements

Please note that Article 20.7 of the Russian Administrative Offences Code envisages penalties of RUB 100,000 to RUB 200,000 for failure to conduct the required civil defence activities.

We will be glad to provide you with detailed consultation and support in organization of civil defence for your company.



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