



RUSSIA LIFTS SEVERAL SANCTIONS AGAINST TURKEY



The Decree No. 244 dated 31 May 2017 of the President of Russian Federation amended the Decree No. 583 dated 28 November 2015 "On Measures to Ensure National Security of the Russian Federation and Protect Citizens of the Russian Federation from Criminal and Other Illegal Actions and on the Application of Special Economic Measures to Concerning the Republic of Turkey" by abrogating the following sanctions:

- prohibition or restriction for organizations under the jurisdiction of the Turkish Republic ("Turkey"), organizations controlled by Turkish citizens and/or organizations under the jurisdiction of Turkey to perform (perform) certain types of work (services) in the territory Russia (according to the list established by the Government of the Russian Federation ("RF Government"));
- prohibition for employers, customers of works (services) not included in the list approved by RF Government, to employ or engage in civil law relations for the performance of work, performance of work (rendering services) with Turkish citizens who had not been in employment or civil law relations with such employers, customers of works (services) as of 31 December 2015.

Amendments introduced by Decree No. 244 became effective on 31 May 2017.

At the same time, in accordance with the Decree No. 583 dated November 28, 2015, the following economic measures continue to apply with respect to Turkey:

- prohibition or restriction on the importation into Russia of certain types of goods, the country of origin of which is Turkey, according to the list established by RF Government (except for goods imported for personal use to the extent permitted by the law of the Eurasian Economic Union);
- suspension of the Agreement between the Government of the Russian Federation and the Government of the Republic of Turkey on the conditions for mutual visits of citizens of the Russian Federation and citizens of the Republic of Turkey dated 12 May 2010, in the part of travelling of Turkish citizens to Russia, with the exception of citizens who: have a temporary residence permit or residence permit in the territory Russia; are commissioned to work in diplomatic missions and consular institutions of Turkey located on the territory of Russia, have valid official and special passports, and members of their families; are members of the crews of Turkish aircraft; have valid service passports and are commissioned to Russia for short-term business trips, and their family members, provided that Turkey adopts similar measures on the basis of reciprocity in relation to Russian citizens with valid service passports.

The ban on charter air services between Russia and Turkey was abolished by Decree No. 846 of RF Government dated 27 August 2016, but the Ministry of Transport of the Russian Federation is still obliged to take additional measures aimed at ensuring transport (aviation) security in the conduct of regular air services between Turkey and Russia.

Best Regards,

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