



Clarification on new bans and restrictions on public procurement of foreign goods in Russia

On April 30, 2020, the Government of the Russian Federation adopted two resolutions, which introduced bans and restrictions on the admission of foreign industrial goods for the purpose of public procurement for the needs of national defense and state security.

One of the resolutions – Resolution No. 616 - prohibits the admission of industrial goods originating from foreign countries (except the EAEU member states) for the purpose of procurement for state and municipal needs. The list of the restricted goods contains 125 items, including furniture, vehicles, machinery and equipment, tools, appliances, paper and cardboard, and shoes and clothing. This list replaced the previously existing lists approved by the Russia Government. For the purposes of procurement for national defense and security, admission of all foreign industrial goods, works and services performed by foreign persons is prohibited.

Resolution No. 617 introduced restrictions on the admission of certain foreign industrial goods (in accordance with the list of 174 items) for the purposes of purchasing for the state and municipal needs. This Resolution introduces the "odd-man-out" rule with respect to state or municipal procurement of foreign goods included in the list.

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