

Decisions following the 31st meeting of Russia's Foreign Investment Advisory Council

Dmitry Medvedev chaired a meeting of the Advisory Council on 16 October 2017. As a result of the meeting, the following decisions were made and instructions issued (Resolution DM-P13-7063 of 23 October 2017):

To approve a list of priority areas of activity of the Foreign Investment Advisory Council (FIAC) for 2018 as specified in the Communiqué adopted at the 31st meeting of the FIAC.

The Economic Development Ministry (Maxim Oreshkin) and federal executive agencies will ensure the consideration of proposals and recommendations of the FIAC with the participation of organisations concerned.

The results are to be reported to the Government of the Russian Federation in July 2018.

The Finance Ministry (Anton Siluanov), the Economic Development Ministry (Maxim Oreshkin) and the Federal Customs Service (Vladimir Bulavin), together with the working group on improving customs legislation of the Advisory Council on Foreign Investment, will consider simplifying the procedure for the identification of foreign goods in processed products, taking into account international experience and, if necessary, will submit to the Russian Government, before 1 December 2017, proposals on amending Russian legislation.

The Ministry of Agriculture (Alexandr Tkachev) and the Federal Service for Veterinary and Phytosanitary Supervision (Sergei Dankvert) will inform economic entities with any property ownership status (including educational and health care institutions and trade organisations) handling goods subject to national veterinary oversight (supervision) regarding the introduction of online veterinary certification.

The results are to be reported to the Russian Government by 5 December 2017.

The Ministry of Agriculture (Alexandr Tkachev), the Economic Development Ministry (Maxim Oreshkin), the Federal Service for Veterinary and Phytosanitary Supervision (Sergei Dankvert) and the Federal Service for the Oversight of Consumer Protection and Welfare (Anna Popova), jointly with industrial unions (associations) and organisations producing finished (processed) dairy products, will consider the expediency of accompanying such products with supporting veterinary documents.

The results are to be reported to the Russian Government by 14 December, 2017.

The Finance Ministry (Anton Siluanov), the Ministry of Health (Veronika Skvortsova), the Ministry of Trade and Industry (Denis Manturov) and the Federal Antimonopoly Service (Igor Artemyev), jointly with federal executive agencies and organisations concerned, will consider the advisability of buying innovative patented medications by signing contracts without holding online auctions.

The results are to be reported to the Russian Government by 28 November 2017.

The Finance Ministry (Anton Siluanov) and the Labour Ministry (Maxim Topilin) will analyse the practice of granting preferences to national public organisations of people with disabilities in making procurements for state and municipal needs, including in cases when they are not the manufacturers of procured products.

The results are to be reported to the Russian Government by 19 December 2017.

The Ministry of Health (Veronika Skvortsova), the Ministry of Trade and Industry (Denis Manturov) and the Federal Antimonopoly Service (Igor Artemyev), together with federal executive agencies and organisations concerned and taking into account international experience, will consider the possibility of introducing a fast-track procedure for state registration of innovative medications.

The results are to be reported to the Russian Government by 28 November 2017.

The Ministry of Health (Veronika Skvortsova), the Ministry of Trade and Industry (Denis Manturov), the Federal Antimonopoly Service (Igor Artemyev) and the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Grigory Ivliyev), together with federal executive agencies and organisations concerned, will analyse law enforcement practice in protecting exclusive rights to inventions related to medications and submit to the Russian Government, by 14 March 2018, coordinated proposals with regard to streamlining legislation in this sphere.

The Finance Ministry (Anton Siluanov), the Energy Ministry (Alexander Novak) and the Economic Development Ministry (Maxim Oreshkin), together with federal executive agencies, will look into the possibility of easing the tax burden by reducing the mineral extraction tax for Gazprom's joint projects with a share of foreign investment.

The results are to be reported to the Russian Government.

The Finance Ministry (Anton Siluanov), in formulating, together with the Bank of Russia and the auditing community, the Russian Government's position on draft Federal Law No. 273179-7 "On amending certain legislative acts of the Russian Federation (with regard to granting the Bank of Russia auditing powers)," will pay special attention to incorporating provisions ensuring the exhaustive description of norms with regard to granting the Bank of Russia regulatory, control and auditing supervisory powers, as well as preventing a conflict of interests in exercising banking regulation and oversight, regulation, control and oversight of financial markets and regulation control and oversight of auditing activity.

The results are to be reported to the Russian Government.

The Ministry of Communications and Mass Media (Nikolai Nikiforov), the Economic Development Ministry (Maxim Oreshkin), the Energy Ministry (Alexander Novak) and the Ministry of Trade and Industry (Denis Manturov), together with federal executive agencies and with the participation of the autonomous non-profit organisation Analytical Center for the Government of the Russian Federation and the autonomous non-profit organisation Digital Economy, will submit to the Russian Government coordinated proposals regarding mechanisms of cooperation with foreign companies in implementing the Digital Economy of the Russian Federation programme.