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# RUSSIAN LEGISLATION OVERVIEW AND UPCOMING EVENTS



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AEB UPDATES

The background features a dark blue aerial night view of a city. A prominent feature is a complex, multi-level highway interchange with several overpasses and ramps. In the upper right, there is a large, white, stylized geometric graphic consisting of several thick, parallel lines forming a series of nested, right-pointing chevrons. In the upper center, there is a grid of 16 small white dots arranged in 4 rows and 4 columns.

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## Border crossing

Draft law № 183815-8

- The draft law re reserving state border crossing times for trucks) was approved by the State Duma on February 9, 2023 (currently is under revision by the Council of Federation).
- The law gives the government the right to establish a list of road border crossing points, passage through which will only be possible after the reservation of the date and time. The government will also be able to establish a list of roads adjacent to such checkpoints, the passage of which by trucks will also be possible after the reservation of the date and time.
- Earlier, the bill caused a great public reaction, because initially the document did not specify what vehicles it referred to.
- Drivers will have to register each vehicle online through the state information system of electronic transport documents.
- New order will come into force on September 1, 2023.



## Advertising regulation

Draft law N°247436-8

- Draft law re ban on the use of advertising the alphabets which are not based on the Cyrillic alphabet, except for indications the firm names and trademarks which have passed state registration.
- First reading not scheduled yet.
- MPs have pointed out that now advertisements were dominated by foreign-language elements and fonts, “which distorts the Russian words and the cultural code of the nation”.
- The initiative sparked controversy in the Duma's Economic Policy Committee. Some MPs supported the document, while others believe that the lack of Latin characters or hieroglyphs on goods may have a negative impact on the development of entrepreneurship.

## Conformity Assessment Schemes

Decision of the EEC  
Council of 25.01.2023 N 11

- The decision of the Council of the EEC creates conditions for organizational and administrative improvements that ease editing EAEU's conformity assessment documents (certificates and declarations).
- Earlier, in 2022, the AEB discussed with the Ministry of Economic Development the need for granting permit to use previously issued documents to legal entities that have changed their organizational and legal form over the past few months.
- Current amendments supplement the list of cases when:
  - replacement of certificates or declarations is allowed without compulsory procedures, i.e. under a simplified procedure
  - replacement of certificates or declarations is not required, i.e. certificates remain valid without making changes to them.



# MEDICAL DEVICES INDUSTRY

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## Current key Issues

- EU sanctions: restrictions on the medical devices' export of components and spare parts from the EU to Russia.
- Japan sanctions (serious restrictions for several AEB members).
- Formation of Catalogue of goods, works, services for participation in public procurement.
- Logistic issues: closely monitoring the situation (despite humanitarian goods, still facing obstacles).
- Localization issue – second is out initiatives, ad valorem share.
- Digital labeling for medical devices.

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# EVENTS OVERVIEW AND OUTLOOK

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## Events

January - March  
2023

### Key meetings

- Roszdravnadzor re healthcare issues
- Ministry of Industry and Trade re dividends
- Ministry of Industry and Trade and Ministry of Economic Development re Parallel Imports practical problems
- Central Bank re insurance market

### Outlook

- 16.02.2023 – Winter lights networking reception (19.00; Goelro Space, Ul. Bolshaya Pochtovaya 40, bld. 7, Moscow)
- 17.02.2023 – Meeting with Timur Nurashev, Director of Technical Regulation and Accreditation Department, EEC
- 15.03.2023 HR Conference “Times of Anxiety: HR is everything!”



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