

RUSSIAN COURTS RETURN TO NORMAL WORK ON 12 MAY 2020

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Russian press released a notice of the Judicial Department of the Supreme Court of the Russian Federation of 07 May 2020 providing for the full-scale re-start of activities on 12 May.

The notice refers to the Regulation of the Supreme Court Presidium and Judicial Council Presidium issued on 08 April 2020 which suspended visits and access to courts and limited their activities to urgent cases (e.g. injunctions) or cases under simplified procedures.

The Regulation allowed and recommended holding hearings by videoconferencing, arranged at the request of all the parties. As of 08 May 2020, seven courts were reported to be able to hold on-line hearings, including the Supreme Court of the Russian Federation, the Moscow Commercial Court (Moscow Court of Arbitrazh) and the Commercial Court of the Moscow region (Court of Arbitrazh of the Moscow region).

Relevant restrictions to the normal work of courts were imposed in view of the continuing COVID-19 pandemic and as a follow up on Orders of the President of the Russian Federation setting non-working days in Russia for the period from 30 March 2020 till 11 May 2020 (Order no. 206 dated 25 March 2020, Order no. 239 dated 02 April 2020, Order no. 294 dated 28 April 2020).

On expiry of the non-working period, all courts should return to normal work on 12 May 2020, subject to compliance with all current safety recommendations of the Chief State Health Officer and applicable requirements of the relevant regional state authorities. For example, the Moscow Mayor and the Moscow region Government Executive both extended the restrictions imposed due to the COVID-19 pandemic till 31 May 2020, including obtaining passes for movement within the city/region and social distancing requirement. They also imposed the mandatory use of protective masks and gloves in public places starting from 12 May 2020 that is also applicable to and within court premises.

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