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## Review of Economic Legislation<sup>1</sup>

*In December, the following amendments were introduced in the legislation: the minimum amount of wages and salaries was increased; from the New Year a new composition and volumes of the consumer goods basket in the Russian Federation in general were formed, and the subsistence level in the Russian Federation will be set on the basis of the new procedure for determination of the consumer goods basket.*

### I. Federal Laws of the Russian Federation

#### 1. Federal Law No. 232-FZ of December 3, 2012 on AMENDMENT OF ARTICLE 1 OF FEDERAL LAW ON THE MINIMUM AMOUNT OF WAGES AND SALARIES

From January 1, 2013, the minimum wages and salaries are set in the amount of Rb 5,205 a month (earlier, from June 1, 2011 the minimum wages and salaries were set in the amount of Rb 4,611 a month).

#### 2. Federal Law No. 227-FZ of December 3, 2012 on CONSUMER GOODS BASKET IN THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION IN GENERAL

From January 1, 2013, a new composition and volumes of the consumer goods basket in the Russian Federation in general were formed. For the purpose of upgrading the quality of nutrition, the norm of consumption per person a year of meat food, fish products, dairy products, eggs, vegetables, cucurbits crops and fresh vegetables was on average increased, while the norm of consumption of bread, potatoes, vegetable oil, margarine and other fats reduced. Also, the ratio of non-food products and services to the cost of food products (as a percentage of the cost of food products) was set. Earlier, non-food products were set in physical measures.

*Table 1*

#### Food products included in the consumer goods basket for the main social and demographic groups of the population in the Russian Federation in general

Name	Unit of measurement	Volume of consumption (on average per person a year)		
		Working population	pensioners	children
Bread products (bread and pasta in terms of flour, flour, cereals and bean)	kg	126.5	98.2	77.6
Potatoes	kg	100.4	80.0	88.1
Vegetables and cucurbits crops	kg	114.6	98.0	112.5
Fresh fruits	kg	60.0	45.0	118.1
Sugar and confectionery in terms of sugar	kg	23.8	21.2	21.8
Meat food	kg	58.6	54.0	44.0
Fish products	kg	18.5	16.0	18.6
Milk and dairy products in terms of milk	kg	290.0	257.8	360.7
Eggs	pieces	210	200	201
Vegetable oil, margarine and other fats	kg	11.0	10.0	5.0
Other products (salt, tea and spices)	kg	4.9	4.2	3.5

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As before, the consumer goods basket for the main social and demographic groups of the population (working people, pensioners and children) in the Russian Federation in general will be determined at least once in five years.

### 3. Federal Law No. 233-FZ of December 3, 2012 on AMENDMENT OF THE FEDERAL LAW ON THE SUBSISTENCE LEVEL IN THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION

From January 1, 2013, in the Russian Federation the subsistence level will be set on the basis of the new procedure for determination of the consumer goods basket. The law provides for new determination of the consumer goods basket, that is, the minimum package of food, non-food products and services which are required for maintenance of health and support of life activity; the cost of non-food products and services is determined in correlation with the cost of the minimum package of food products.

The new procedure will replace the existing regulatory method of determination of the subsistence level on the basis of sets of food products, non-food products and services specified in physical measures. The consumer goods basket will be developed with participation of the Russian tripartite commission on regulation of social and labor relations, while in constituent entities of the Russian Federation, with participation of commissions on regulation of social and labor relations in constituent entities of the Russian Federation. The Government of the Russian Federation will approve guidelines for determination of the consumer goods basket for the main social and demographic groups of the population in constituent entities of the Russian Federation, as well as set the procedure for calculation of the value of the subsistence level per capita and per main social and demographic group of the population in the Russian Federation in general.

## ***II. Instructions, Letters and Orders***

### 1. Order No. 223 of November 30, 2012 of the Ministry of Justice of the Russian Federation ON THE PROCEDURE FOR MAINTENANCE OF REGISTER OF NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS WHICH CARY OUT FUNCTIONS OF A FOREIGN AGENT

The Order was registered at the Ministry of Justice of the Russian Federation under No. 25980 on November 30, 2012.

An application for a non-profit organization to be entered into the register of non-profit organizations which carry out functions of a foreign agent may be submitted directly or by mail or in the form of an electronic document via the Internet to the units of the Ministry of Justice of the Russian Federation.

An application (in conformity with the form approved by the Order) for a non-profit organization to be entered into the register is submitted simultaneously with its registration to a territorial unit of the Ministry of Justice of the Russian Federation; an application of the earlier registered non-profit organization to the effect that it started its activities as a non-profit organization which carries out functions of a foreign agent is to be submitted (prior to the beginning of those activities) to the Ministry of Justice of the Russian Federation.

The register is maintained on paper and electronic carriers with the data included in the register placed on the official Web-site of the Ministry of Justice of the Russian Federation. Such information on the entity includes, in particular, the purpose and types of its political activities,

the data on the purpose of spending of cash funds and utilization of other property received from foreign sources and information on foreign sources of origination of cash funds and other property, that is, a foreign state, a public authority of a foreign state, an international or foreign organization, a foreign national or a stateless person.