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## EUROPEAN COMMISSION FOR DEMOCRACY THROUGH LAW (VENICE COMMISSION)

# **RUSSIAN FEDERATION**

# FEDERAL LAW<sup>1</sup>

## CONCERNING AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLE 3301 OF THE CRIMINAL CODE

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Unofficial translation

#### **FEDERAL LAW**

## Concerning amendments to article 3301 of the Criminal Code of the Russian Federation

Adopted by the State Duma on 23 December 2020

Approved by the Federation Council on 25 December 2020

## Article 1

To amend Article 3301 of the Criminal Code of the Russian Federation (Collected Legislation of the Russian Federation, 1996, No. 25, Art. 2954; 2012, No. 30, Art. 4172) by amending it to read as follows:

### "Article 3301. Malicious evasion of duties provided for by the legislation of the Russian Federation in connection with the recognition of a person performing the functions of a foreign agent

1. Malicious evasion of the obligation to submit the documents required for inclusion in the register of non-profit organizations performing the functions of a foreign agent or in the register of unregistered public associations performing the functions of a foreign agent

shall be punished by a fine in an amount of up to 300 thousand roubles or in the amount of the wages or other income of the convicted person for a period of up to two years, or by compulsory works for a term of up to four hundred eighty hours, or by corrective labour for a term of up to two years, or by imprisonment for the same term.

2. Violation of the operating procedures of a foreign mass media outlet performing the functions of a foreign agent and (or) a Russian legal entity established by it performing the functions of a foreign agent, or non-compliance by another person, information on which is included in the register of foreign mass media performing the functions of a foreign agent, with the requirements established by Russian Federation legislation in connection with recognition as performing the functions of a foreign agent, committed by the person subjected to administrative punishment

shall be punishable by a fine in an amount of up to 300 thousand roubles or in the amount of the wages or other income of the convicted person for a period of up to two years, or by compulsory works for a term of up to four hundred eighty hours, or by corrective labour for a term of up to two years, or by deprivation of liberty for the same term.

3. Failure to comply with the obligation to submit to the authorized agency an application (notice) on inclusion in the list of individuals performing the functions of a foreign agent and (or) a report on activities related to the performance of the functions of a foreign agent as prescribed by Russian Federation legislation, committed by a person subjected to an administrative penalty for an act specified in Part 1 Article 19.75-4 of the Russian Federation Administrative Offences Code, or failure to comply with the obligation to submit an application (notice) for inclusion in the list of individuals performing the functions of a foreign agent, committed by a person carrying out, on the territory of the Russian Federation in the interests of a foreign state, its state bodies, international or foreign organisation, foreign citizens, stateless persons, targeted collection of information in the field of military, Military-technical activities of the Russian Federation which, if obtained by those entities, may be used against the security of the Russian Federation (in the absence of indications of offences under articles 275 and 276 of this Code), -

shall be punishable by a fine in an amount of up to three hundred thousand roubles or in the amount of the wages or other income of the convicted person for a period of up to two

years, or by compulsory labour for a term of up to four hundred and eighty hours, or by compulsory labour for a term of up to five years, or by deprivation of freedom for the same term.".

## Article 2

This Federal Law shall come into force on March 1, 2021.

President of the Russian Federation Vladimir Putin

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