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Concerning Currency Regulation and Currency Control

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- 1. Federal Law No. 58-FZ of the Russian Federation of June 29, 2004 Concerning the Introduction of Amendments to Certain Legislative Acts of the Russian Federation and the Annulment of Certain Legislative Acts of the Russian Federation in Connection With the Implementation of Measures to Improve State Administration;**
- 2. Federal Law No. 90-FZ of the Russian Federation of July 18, 2005 Concerning the Introduction of Amendments to Certain Legislative Acts of the Russian Federation;**
- 3. Federal Law No. 131-FZ of the Russian Federation of July 26, 2006 Concerning the Introduction of Amendments to the Federal Law “Concerning Currency Regulation and Currency Control”;**
- 4. Federal Law No. 267-FZ of the Russian Federation of December 30, 2006 Concerning the Introduction of Amendments to the Federal Law “Concerning Currency Regulation and Currency Control”;**
- 5. Federal Law No. 83-FZ of the Russian Federation of May 17, 2007 Concerning the Introduction of Amendments to Certain Legislative Acts of the Russian Federation in Connection With**

the Adoption of the Federal Law “Concerning the Development Bank”;

- 6. Federal Law No. 127-FZ of the Russian Federation of July 5, 2007 Concerning the Introduction of Amendments to the Federal Law “Concerning Currency Regulation and Currency Control”;**
- 7. Federal Law No. 242-FZ of the Russian Federation of October 30, 2007 Concerning the Introduction of Amendments to Article 12 of the Federal Law “Concerning Currency Regulation and Currency Control”.**

The purpose of this Federal Law is to provide for the implementation of a unified State currency policy and for the stability of the currency of the Russian Federation and the stability of the domestic currency market as factors of the progressive development of the national economy and international economic co-operation.

CHAPTER 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1 Basic Concepts Used in This Federal Law

1. The following basic concepts shall be used for the purposes of this Federal Law:
 - 1) currency of the Russian Federation:
 - a) monetary objects in the form of banknotes and coins of the Bank of Russia which are in circulation as a legal medium of cash payment in the territory of the Russian Federation, and such monetary objects when they are withdrawn or have been withdrawn from circulation but are exchangeable;
 - b) resources in bank accounts and in bank deposits;
 - 2) foreign currency:
 - a) monetary objects in the form of banknotes, treasury bills and coins which are in circulation and are a legal medium of cash payment in the territory of a particular foreign state (group of foreign states), and such monetary objects when they are withdrawn or have been withdrawn from circulation but are exchangeable;
 - b) resources in bank accounts and in bank deposits in monetary units of foreign states and international monetary units or settlement units;

- 3) internal securities:
 - a) issuance securities whose nominal value is specified in the currency of the Russian Federation and the issue of which has been registered in the Russian Federation;
 - b) other securities certifying the right to receive Russian Federation currency which were issued in the territory of the Russian Federation;
- 4) external securities – securities, including in non-documentary form, which are not classified as internal securities in accordance with this Federal Law;
- 5) currency assets – foreign currency and external securities;
- 6) residents:
 - a) physical persons who are citizens of the Russian Federation, other than citizens of the Russian Federation who are considered as permanently residing in a foreign state in accordance with the legislation of that state;
 - b) foreign persons and stateless persons permanently residing in the territory of the Russian Federation on the basis of a residence permit envisaged by the legislation of the Russian Federation;
 - c) legal entities established in accordance with the legislation of the Russian Federation;
 - d) branches, representations and other subdivisions of the residents referred to in subsection c) of this clause which are located outside the territory of the Russian Federation;
 - e) diplomatic representations and consular establishments of the Russian Federation and other official representations of the Russian Federation which are located outside the territory of the Russian Federation, and permanent representations of the Russian Federation to interstate or intergovernmental organizations;
 - f) the Russian Federation, constituent entities of the Russian Federation and municipalities which take part in relations which are regulated by this Federal Law and by federal laws and other normative legal acts which have been adopted in accordance with this Federal Law;
- 7) non-residents:
 - a) physical persons who are not residents in accordance with subsections a) and b) of clause 6 of this part;
 - b) legal entities established in accordance with the legislation of foreign states which have a location outside the territory of the Russian Federation;

- c) organizations not constituting legal entities which were established in accordance with the legislation of foreign states and have a location outside the territory of the Russian Federation;
- d) diplomatic representations and consular establishments of foreign states and permanent representations of those states to interstate or intergovernmental organizations where such representations and establishments have been accredited in the Russian Federation;
- e) interstate and intergovernmental organizations and branches and permanent representations thereof in the Russian Federation;
- f) branches, permanent establishments and other economically autonomous or independent structural subdivisions of the non-residents referred to in subsections b) and c) of this clause which are located in the territory of the Russian Federation;
- g) other persons not mentioned in clause 6 of this part;
- 8) authorized banks – credit organizations established in accordance with the legislation of the Russian Federation which have the right to carry out banking operations involving foreign currency resources on the basis of licences issued by the Central Bank of the Russian Federation, and branches of credit organizations established in accordance with the legislation of foreign states which operate in the territory of the Russian Federation in accordance with licences issued by the Central Bank of the Russian Federation and have the right to carry out banking operations involving foreign currency resources;
- 9) currency operations:
 - a) the acquisition by a resident from a resident and the alienation by a resident in favour of a resident of currency assets on legal grounds, and the use of currency assets as a medium of payment;
 - b) the acquisition by a resident from a non-resident or by a non-resident from a resident and the alienation by a resident in favour of a non-resident or by a non-resident in favour of a resident of currency assets, Russian Federation currency and internal securities on legal grounds, and the use of currency assets, Russian Federation currency and internal securities as a medium of payment;
 - c) the acquisition by a non-resident from a non-resident and the alienation by a non-resident in favour of a non-resident of currency assets, Russian Federation currency and internal securities on legal grounds, and the use of currency assets, Russian Federation currency and internal securities as a medium of payment;

- d) the importation into the customs territory of the Russian Federation and exportation from the customs territory of the Russian Federation of currency assets, Russian Federation currency and internal securities;
 - e) the transfer of foreign currency, Russian Federation currency and internal and external securities from an account held outside the territory of the Russian Federation to an account held by the same person in the territory of the Russian Federation, and from an account held in the territory of the Russian Federation to an account held by the same person outside the territory of the Russian Federation;
 - f) the transfer by a non-resident of Russian Federation currency and internal and external securities from an account (section of an account) held in the territory of the Russian Federation to an account (section of an account) held by the same person in the territory of the Russian Federation;
- 11) currency exchanges – legal entities established in accordance with the legislation of the Russian Federation, one of whose activities is the organization of exchange trade in foreign currency according to the procedure and subject to the conditions which are established by the Central Bank of the Russian Federation.
2. Institutions, concepts and terms belonging to the civil and administrative legislation of the Russian Federation and other areas of legislation of the Russian Federation which are used in this Federal Law shall have the meaning which they have in those areas of legislation of the Russian Federation, unless otherwise provided by this Federal Law.

Article 2 Scope of This Federal Law and Relations Which Are Regulated by This Federal Law

This Federal Law establishes the legal foundations and principles of currency regulation and currency control in the Russian Federation and the powers of currency regulation bodies and defines the rights and obligations of residents and non-residents in relation to the possession, use and disposal of currency assets, the rights and obligations of non-residents in relation to the possession, use and disposal of Russian Federation currency and internal securities and the rights and obligations of currency control bodies and currency control agents (hereinafter referred to as “currency control bodies and agents”).

Article 3 Principles of Currency Regulation and Currency Control

The basic principles of currency regulation and currency control in the Russian Federation shall be as follows:

- 1) the priority of economic measures in implementing State policy in the area of currency regulation;

- 2) the exclusion of unjustified interference by the State and its bodies in the currency operations of residents and non-residents;
- 3) the uniformity of the internal and external currency policy of the Russian Federation;
- 4) the unity of the system of currency regulation and currency control;
- 5) the provision by the State of protection of the rights and economic interests of residents and non-residents in carrying out currency operations.

Article 4 Currency Legislation of the Russian Federation, Acts of Currency Regulation Bodies and Acts of Currency Control Bodies

1. The currency legislation of the Russian Federation shall consist of this Federal Law and federal laws adopted in accordance therewith (hereinafter referred to as “acts of currency legislation of the Russian Federation”).

Currency regulation bodies shall issue normative legal acts on currency regulation issues (hereinafter referred to as “acts of currency regulation bodies”) only in instances envisaged by this Federal Law.

2. International agreements of the Russian Federation shall apply to the relations referred to in Article 2 of this Federal Law directly, except where it follows from an international agreement of the Russian Federation that the issue of an internal act of currency legislation of the Russian Federation is required in order for that agreement to be applied.

Where an international agreement of the Russian Federation establishes rules which differ from those which are envisaged by this Federal Law, the rules of that international agreement shall apply.

3. Acts of currency legislation of the Russian Federation and acts of currency regulation bodies shall apply to relations arising after the entry into force of those acts, except as otherwise expressly provided by this Federal Law or other federal laws.

Acts of currency legislation of the Russian Federation and acts of currency regulation bodies shall apply to relations which arose prior to the entry into force of those acts insofar as rights and obligations arising after their entry into force are concerned.

4. Acts of currency legislation of the Russian Federation and acts of currency regulation bodies which establish new obligations for residents and non-residents or worsen their position shall not have retroactive force.

Acts of currency legislation of the Russian Federation and acts of currency regulation bodies which abolish restrictions on the performance of currency

operations or otherwise improve the position of residents and non-residents may have retroactive force if they expressly so provide.

Acts of currency legislation of the Russian Federation and acts of currency regulation bodies shall be subject to official publication. Acts of currency legislation of the Russian Federation and acts of currency regulation bodies which have not been published shall not be applicable. The requirements of this paragraph shall not apply to acts or individual provisions of acts of currency regulation bodies which contain information constituting State secrets in accordance with Law No. 5485-1 of the Russian Federation of July 21, 1993 “Concerning State Secrets”.

5. Currency control bodies may issue currency control acts on issues placed within their competence (hereinafter referred to as “acts of currency control bodies”) only in the instances and within the bounds envisaged by the currency legislation of the Russian Federation and acts of currency regulation bodies. Acts of currency control bodies must not contain provisions concerning matters pertaining to the regulation of currency operations.
6. All unresolvable doubts, contradictions and ambiguities in acts of currency legislation of the Russian Federation, acts of currency regulation bodies and acts of currency control bodies shall be interpreted in favour of residents and non-residents.

CHAPTER 2. CURRENCY REGULATION

Article 5 Currency Regulation Bodies

1. The currency regulation bodies in the Russian Federation shall be the Central Bank of the Russian Federation and the Government of the Russian Federation.
2. For the purpose of carrying out the functions which are envisaged by this Federal Law, the Central Bank of the Russian Federation and the Government of the Russian Federation shall, within the limits of their competence, issue acts of currency regulation bodies which shall be binding on residents and non-residents.

If the procedure for carrying out currency operations and the procedure for the use of accounts (including the establishment of a requirement to use a special account) have not been established by currency regulation bodies in accordance with this Federal Law, currency operations shall be carried out, accounts shall be opened and operations on accounts shall be conducted without restriction. When establishing a requirement to use a special account currency regulation bodies shall not have the right to introduce restrictions which are not provided for by this Federal Law.

3. It shall not be permitted for currency regulation bodies to establish a requirement for residents and non-residents to obtain individual authorizations.

It shall not be permitted for currency regulation bodies to establish a requirement of advance registration, except in the instances established by part 3 of Article 12 and part 5 of Article 15 of this Federal Law.

4. The Central Bank of the Russian Federation shall establish unified accounting and reporting forms for currency operations and the procedure and time limits for presenting them and shall prepare and publish statistical information on currency operations.
5. The Central Bank of the Russian Federation, the Government of the Russian Federation and federal executive bodies specially authorized by the Government of the Russian Federation shall carry out all types of currency operations which are regulated by this Federal Law without restrictions.

Article 6 Currency Operations Between Residents and Non-Residents

Currency operations between residents and non-residents shall be carried out without restrictions, with the exception of the currency operations envisaged by Articles 7, 8 and 11 of this Federal Law, in relation to which restrictions shall be established for the purpose of preventing a significant decrease in gold and currency reserves and acute fluctuations in the exchange rate of the currency of the Russian Federation and for the purpose of maintaining the stability of the balance of payments of the Russian Federation. The above-mentioned restrictions shall be non-discriminatory and shall be abolished by currency regulation bodies as and when the circumstances which caused them to be established are eliminated.

Article 9 Currency Operations Between Residents

1. Currency operations between residents shall be prohibited, with the exception of:
 - 1) the operations envisaged by parts 2 and 3 of this Article, part 6 of Article 12 and part 3 of Article 14 of this Federal Law;
 - 2) operations associated with settlements in duty-free shops and with settlements in connection with the sale of goods and the rendering of services to passengers during a journey on board means of transport in international traffic;
 - 3) operations between commission agents (agents, legal agents) and clients (principals) whereby commission agents (agents, legal agents) render services involving the conclusion and execution of agreements with non-residents on the transfer of goods, the performance of work, the rendering of services or the transfer of information and results of intellectual activity, including exclusive rights thereto;
 - 4) operations under forwarding, carriage and freight (charter) agreements whereby a forwarding agent, carrier or freighter renders services associated

with the carriage of freight which is exported from the Russian Federation or imported into the Russian Federation or the transit carriage of freight across the territory of the Russian Federation, and under agreements on the insurance of such freight;

- 5) operations involving external securities which are carried out through organizers of trade on the securities market of the Russian Federation, provided that rights to those securities are registered with depositaries established in accordance with the legislation of the Russian Federation;
- 6) operations involving external securities, provided that rights to those securities are registered with depositaries established in accordance with the legislation of the Russian Federation and settlements are effected in the currency of the Russian Federation;
- 7) operations associated with the making of compulsory payments (taxes, levies and other payments) to the federal budget, the budget of a constituent entity of the Russian Federation or a local budget in foreign currency in accordance with the legislation of the Russian Federation;
- 8) operations associated with payments in respect of external securities (including mortgage bonds), with the exception of promissory notes and bills of exchange;
- 9) operations involving the payment and (or) reimbursement of expenses of a physical person which are connected with a business trip outside the territory of the Russian Federation, and operations involving the repayment of an unused advance which was issued in connection with a business trip;
- 10) operations involving settlements and transfers in connection with the implementation of budgets of the budget system of the Russian Federation in accordance with the budget legislation of the Russian Federation;
- 11) operations involving settlements and transfers to provide for the activities of diplomatic representations and consular institutions of the Russian Federation and other official representations of the Russian Federation which are located outside the territory of the Russian Federation, and of permanent representations of the Russian Federation to interstate or intergovernmental organizations;
- 12) transfers by a resident physical person from the Russian Federation in favour of other resident physical persons to accounts held by them with banks located outside the territory of the Russian Federation in amounts not exceeding, in the course of one operating day through one authorized bank, an amount equivalent to 5,000 US dollars on the basis of the official exchange rate established by the Central Bank of the Russian Federation as at the date on which monetary resources are debited from the resident physical person's account, except in the instances referred to in clause 17 of this part;

- 13) transfers by a resident physical person to the Russian Federation from accounts held with banks located outside the territory of the Russian Federation in favour of other resident physical persons to accounts held by them with authorized banks;
 - 14) operations involving the payment and (or) reimbursement of expenses associated with work-related journeys beyond the boundaries of the territory of the Russian Federation of employees whose permanent employment inherently involves travel or is of an itinerant nature;
 - 15) the operations envisaged by this part and part 3 of this Article when carried out by fiduciaries;
 - 16) operations associated with settlements between transport organizations and physical persons located outside the territory of the Russian Federation and branches, representations and other subdivisions of legal entities established in accordance with the legislation of the Russian Federation which are located outside the territory of the Russian Federation under agreements on the carriage of passengers;
 - 17) transfers by resident physical persons from accounts held by them with authorized banks in favour of other resident physical person who are their spouses or close relatives (relatives in the direct ascending or descending line (parents and children, grandparents and grandchildren), full siblings, half siblings (having a common father or mother), adoptive parents and adopted children) to accounts held by those persons with authorized banks or with banks located outside the territory of the Russian Federation.
2. Currency operations in respect of transactions between authorized banks which are concluded by them in their own name and at their own expense shall be carried out in accordance with the procedure established by the Central Bank of the Russian Federation.
 3. There shall be carried out without restrictions currency operations between residents and authorized banks involving:
 - 1) the receipt and repayment of credits and loans and the payment of amounts of interest and punitive sanctions under the relevant agreements;
 - 2) the payment of monetary resources of residents into bank accounts (bank deposits) (demand and fixed-term) and the receipt of monetary resources of residents from bank accounts (bank deposits) (demand and fixed-term);
 - 3) bank guarantees, and the fulfilment by residents of obligations under surety and pledge agreements;
 - 4) the acquisition by residents from authorized banks of bills of exchange issued by those or other authorized banks, the presentation thereof for payment, the receipt of payment thereon, including through a recourse procedure, and the exaction of punitive sanctions in respect thereof, and involving the alienation

of those bills of exchange by residents to authorized banks in accordance with the procedure established by Federal Law No. 48-FZ of March 11, 1997 “Concerning Bills of Exchange and Promissory Notes”;

- 5) the purchase and sale by physical persons of cash and non-cash foreign currency and cheques (including traveller's cheques) whose nominal value is specified in foreign currency for Russian Federation currency and foreign currency, and involving the exchange or replacement of monetary objects of a foreign state (group of foreign states) and the receipt of foreign currency and cheques (including traveller's cheques) whose nominal value is specified in foreign currency to be sent for collection to banks outside the territory of the Russian Federation other than for the purpose of the carrying out of entrepreneurial activities by physical persons;
- 6) the payment of commission to authorized banks;
- 7) other currency operations which are classified as banking operations in accordance with the legislation of the Russian Federation.

Article 10 Currency Operations Between Non-Residents

1. Non-residents shall have the right to effect between each other without restrictions transfers of foreign currency from accounts (deposits) with banks outside the territory of the Russian Federation to bank accounts (bank deposits) with authorized banks or from bank accounts (bank deposits) with authorized banks to accounts (deposits) with banks outside the territory of the Russian Federation or with authorized banks.
2. Non-residents shall have the right to carry out currency operations involving internal securities between each other in the territory of the Russian Federation with account taken of the requirements established by the anti-monopoly legislation of the Russian Federation and the legislation of the Russian Federation concerning the securities market.
3. Currency operations between non-residents in the territory of the Russian Federation in the currency of the Russian Federation shall be carried out through bank accounts (bank deposits) opened in the territory of the Russian Federation in accordance with the procedure envisaged by Article 13 of this Federal Law.

Article 11 The Domestic Currency Market of the Russian Federation

1. The purchase and sale of foreign currency and cheques (including traveller's cheques) whose nominal value is specified in foreign currency in the Russian Federation shall take place only through authorized banks.
2. The Central Bank of the Russian Federation shall establish for credit organizations requirements relating to the execution of documents in

connection with the purchase and sale of foreign currency cash and cheques (including traveller's cheques) whose nominal value is specified in foreign currency.

It shall not be permitted to establish a requirement of identification with respect to the purchase and sale by physical persons of foreign currency cash and cheques (including traveller's cheques) whose nominal value is specified in foreign currency, except in instances envisaged by federal laws.

Identification details may be entered in documents which are drawn up upon the purchase and sale by a physical person of foreign currency cash and cheques (including traveller's cheques) whose nominal value is specified in foreign currency at the request of the physical person himself.

3. Except in the instances of the purchase and sale of foreign currency and cheques (including traveller's cheques) whose nominal value is specified in foreign currency which are established by clause 5 of part 3 of Article 9 of this Federal Law and parts 5 and 6 of this Article, the Central Bank of the Russian Federation shall establish the procedure for the purchase and sale of foreign currency and cheques (including traveller's cheques) whose nominal value is specified in foreign currency by residents which are not physical persons and by non-residents, which may envisage:
 - 1) the establishment of a requirement for residents and non-residents to use a special account;
 - 2) the establishment of a requirement for residents to make a reserve deposit of an amount not exceeding the equivalent of 100 per cent of the amount of foreign currency being purchased for a period of not more than 60 calendar days before the date on which the purchase of foreign currency is effected;
 - 3) the establishment of a requirement for non-residents to make a reserve deposit of an amount not exceeding the equivalent of 20 per cent of the amount of foreign currency being sold for a period of not more than a year.
4. The Central Bank of the Russian Federation may not simultaneously establish the requirements envisaged by clauses 2 and 3 of part 3 of this Article in relation to one type of currency operation.
5. Requirements established in accordance with part 3 of this Article shall not apply in the case of the purchase and sale of foreign currency and cheques (including traveller's cheques) whose nominal value is specified in foreign currency by authorized banks or in the case of the purchase and sale of foreign currency and cheques (including traveller's cheques) whose nominal value is specified in foreign currency by physical persons other than for the purpose of the carrying out of entrepreneurial activities by those persons.
6. Requirements established in accordance with part 3 of this Article shall not apply where reserve deposits requirements have already been established in relation to the currency operation for the performance of which the purchase

and sale of foreign currency and cheques (including traveller's cheques) whose nominal value is specified in foreign currency takes place.

Article 12 Accounts Held by Residents With Banks Located Outside the Territory of the Russian Federation

1. Residents shall without restriction open foreign currency accounts (deposits) with banks located in the territories of foreign states which are members of the Organization for Economic Co-Operation and Development (OECD) or the Financial Action Task Force on Money Laundering (FATF).
2. Residents shall be obliged to notify tax authorities where they are registered of the opening (closure) of the accounts (deposits) and changes in the details of the accounts (deposits) which are referred to in part 1 of this Article not later than one month from the date of the opening (closure) of or change in the details of such accounts (deposits) with banks located outside the territory of the Russian Federation, using the form approved by the federal executive body in charge of control and supervision in the area of taxes and levies.
4. Residents shall have the right to transfer to their accounts (to deposits) held with banks outside the territory of the Russian Federation resources from their accounts (from deposits) with authorized banks or from other accounts (deposits) held by them with banks outside the territory of the Russian Federation.

Transfers by residents of resources to their accounts (to deposits) held with banks outside the territory of the Russian Federation from their accounts (from deposits) with authorized banks shall be effected subject to the presentation to the authorized bank when the first transfer is made of the notification to the tax authority where the resident is registered of the opening of the account (deposit) bearing an acknowledgement of the receipt of that notification, with the exception of operations which are required in accordance with the legislation of the Russian Federation and are associated with the conditions for the opening of those accounts (deposits).

5. In addition to the cases provided in part 4 of this Article, there may be credited to accounts (deposits) held by residents with banks outside the territory of the Russian Federation resources received in the cases established by clauses 10 to 12, 16 and 17 of part 1 of Article 9, paragraph 6 of part 2 of Article 14 and clauses 1 to 3 and 6 of part 2 of Article 19 of this Federal Law.

There may be credited to accounts held by residents with banks located in the territories of foreign states which are members of the OECD or the FATF amounts of credits and loans in foreign currency which have been received under credit agreements and loan agreements with non-resident organizations which are agents of governments of foreign states and under credit agreements and loan agreements concluded with residents of member states of the OECD or the FATF for a period exceeding two years.

6. Resident legal entities shall have the right to carry out without restriction currency operations involving resources which have been credited in accordance with this Federal Law to accounts (deposits) held with banks outside the territory of the Russian Federation, with the exception of currency operations between residents, other than the currency operations referred to in part 6.1 of this Article.

Resident physical persons shall have the right to carry out without restriction currency operations not associated with the transfer of assets and the rendering of services in the territory of the Russian Federation using resources which have been credited in accordance with this Federal Law to accounts (deposits) held with banks outside the territory of the Russian Federation.

- 6.1 The following currency operations with the resources referred to in part 6 of this Article shall be carried out between residents without restrictions:
- 1) operations involving the payment of salaries to employees of diplomatic representations and consular institutions of the Russian Federation and other official representations of the Russian Federation which are located outside the territory of the Russian Federation, and of permanent representations of the Russian Federation to interstate or intergovernmental organizations;
 - 2) operations involving the payment of salaries to employees of a representation of a resident legal entity which is located outside the territory of the Russian Federation;
 - 3) operations involving the payment and (or) reimbursement of expenses associated with the secondment of the employees referred to in clauses 1 and 2 of this part to the territory of the country in which the representations, institutions and organizations referred to in clauses 1 and 2 of this part are located and to places outside that territory other than the territory of the Russian Federation;
 - 4) the operations referred to in clauses 10, 11 and 16 of part 1 of Article 9 and paragraph 6 of part 2 of Article 14 of this Federal Law.
7. Residents, with the exception of resident physical persons, diplomatic representations and consular institutions of the Russian Federation and other official representations of the Russian Federation which are located outside the territory of the Russian Federation and permanent representations of the Russian Federation to interstate or intergovernmental organizations, shall present to the tax authorities where they are registered statements of the movement of resources on accounts (deposits) with banks outside the territory of the Russian Federation together with supporting bank documents in accordance with a procedure to be established by the Government of the Russian Federation in consultation with the Central Bank of the Russian Federation.
8. The requirements which are established by this Article with regard to the procedure for the opening of accounts (deposits) with banks outside the

territory of the Russian Federation, the performance of currency operations on those accounts (deposits) and the presentation of statements of the movement of resources on those accounts (deposits) shall not apply to authorized banks and currency exchanges, which shall open accounts (deposits) with banks outside the territory of the Russian Federation, perform currency operations thereon and present statements in accordance with the procedure established by the Central Bank of the Russian Federation.

Article 13 Accounts (Deposits) of Non-Residents Which Are Opened in the Territory of the Russian Federation

1. In the territory of the Russian Federation non-residents shall have the right to open bank accounts (bank deposits) in foreign currency and the currency of the Russian Federation only with authorized banks.
2. The procedure for the opening and maintenance of bank accounts (bank deposits) of non-residents which are opened in the territory of the Russian Federation, including special accounts, shall be established by the Central Bank of the Russian Federation, unless otherwise provided by this Federal Law.
3. Non-residents shall have the right without restriction to transfer foreign currency and Russian Federation currency from their bank accounts (from bank deposits) with banks outside the territory of the Russian Federation to their bank accounts (to bank deposits) with authorized banks.
4. Non-residents shall have the right without restriction to transfer foreign currency from their bank accounts (from bank deposits) with authorized banks to their accounts (to deposits) with banks outside the territory of the Russian Federation.

Article 14 Rights and Obligations of Residents With Respect to the Performance of Currency Operations

1. Residents shall have the right to open foreign currency bank accounts (bank deposits) with authorized banks without restriction, unless otherwise established by this Federal Law.
2. Unless otherwise provided by this Federal Law, settlements in respect of currency operations shall be effected by resident legal entities through bank accounts with authorized banks, the procedure for the opening and maintenance of which is established by the Central Bank of the Russian Federation.

Settlements in respect of currency operations may be effected by resident legal entities through accounts opened in accordance with Article 12 of this Federal Law with banks outside the territory of the Russian Federation using resources credited to those accounts in accordance with this Federal Law.

Resident legal entities may, without using bank accounts with authorized banks, carry out settlements with non-resident physical persons in cash in the currency of the Russian Federation under agreements on the retail purchase and sale of goods, and settlements associated with the rendering to non-resident physical persons in the territory of the Russian Federation of transport services, hotel services and other services which are rendered to the public.

Resident legal entities may, without using bank accounts with authorized banks, carry out settlements with non-residents in cash in foreign currency and the currency of the Russian Federation for the handling of aircraft of foreign states at airports and vessels of foreign states at river and sea ports, and for the purpose of the payment by non-residents of air navigation, airport and port fees in the territory of the Russian Federation.

Resident legal entities may, without using bank accounts with authorized banks, make settlements in cash foreign currency and cash Russian Federation currency with non-residents for the handling of aircraft of such legal entities at airports of foreign states, vessels of such legal entities at river and sea ports of foreign states and other means of transport of such legal entities while they are in the territories of foreign states, and for the purpose of the payment by such legal entities of air navigation, airport and port fees and other compulsory fees in the territories of foreign states which are connected with provision for the activities of such legal entities.

Resident legal entities may, without using bank accounts with authorized banks, make settlements in foreign currency and Russian Federation currency with resident physical persons located outside the territory of the Russian Federation and with branches, representations and other subdivisions of legal entities established in accordance with the legislation of the Russian Federation which are located outside the territory of the Russian Federation and non-resident physical persons under agreements on the carriage of passengers, and settlements in foreign currency and Russian Federation currency with resident physical persons located outside the territory of the Russian Federation and non-resident physical persons under agreements on the carriage of cargoes which are transported by physical persons for personal, family and domestic requirements and other requirements not associated with the carrying out of entrepreneurial activities.

3. Settlements in respect of currency operations shall be effected by resident physical persons through bank accounts with authorized banks, the procedure for the opening and maintenance of which is established by the Central Bank of the Russian Federation, with the exception of the following currency operations which are carried out in accordance with this Federal Law:
 - 1) the transfer by a resident physical person of currency assets as a gift to the Russian Federation, a constituent entity of the Russian Federation and (or) a municipality;
 - 2) the gifting of currency assets to a spouse and close relatives;

- 3) the bequest or inheritance of currency assets;
 - 4) the acquisition and alienation by a resident physical person of individual monetary objects and coins for collection purposes;
 - 5) transfers by a resident physical person from the Russian Federation and the receipt of a transfer in the Russian Federation by a resident physical person without the opening of bank accounts, to be effected in accordance with the procedure established by the Central Bank of the Russian Federation, which may envisage only a limit on the amount transferred, and postal transfers;
 - 6) the purchase from an authorized bank or sale to an authorized bank by a resident physical person of foreign currency cash, the exchange or replacement of monetary objects of a foreign state (group of foreign states), and the receipt of foreign currency cash to be sent for collection to banks outside the territory of the Russian Federation;
 - 7) settlements of resident physical persons in foreign currency in duty-free shops, and in connection with the sale of goods and rendering of services to resident physical persons in transit on means of transport in international traffic;
 - 8) settlements made by resident physical persons in accordance with clause 16 of part 1 of Article 9 of this Federal Law.
4. Settlements in respect of currency operations may be effected by resident physical persons through accounts opened in accordance with Article 12 of this Federal Law with banks outside the territory of the Russian Federation using resources credited to those accounts in accordance with this Federal Law.
 7. Residents may effect settlements through their bank accounts in any foreign currency with a conversion operation being carried out where necessary on the basis of an exchange rate agreed with the authorized bank, irrespective of the foreign currency in which the bank account was opened.
 8. Professional participants in the securities market shall open special brokerage accounts with authorized banks in which to record monetary resources of non-residents.

Authorized banks which are professional participants in the securities market shall independently open and maintain special brokerage accounts for the recording of the monetary resources of their non-resident clients.

The procedure for the opening and maintenance of special brokerage accounts for the recording of monetary resources of non-residents shall be established by the Central Bank of the Russian Federation and may envisage the establishment of a requirement whereby the authorized banks with which those accounts are held must maintain in whole or in part a balance of monetary resources in a correspondent account with the Central Bank of the Russian

Federation which is equal to the aggregate balance of monetary resources in special brokerage accounts.

Article 15 Importation into the Russian Federation and Exportation from the Russian Federation of Currency Assets, Russian Federation Currency and Foreign Currency

1. The importation into the Russian Federation of foreign currency and (or) Russian Federation currency and of traveller's cheques and external and (or) internal securities in documentary form shall be carried out by residents and non-residents without restrictions subject to compliance with the requirements of the customs legislation the Russian Federation.

Where resident physical persons and non-resident physical persons import into the Russian Federation at any one time cash foreign currency and (or) Russian Federation currency and traveller's cheques and external and (or) internal securities in documentary form in an amount exceeding the equivalent of 10,000 US dollars, the imported cash foreign currency and (or) Russian Federation currency and traveller's cheques and external and (or) internal securities in documentary form must be declared to the customs authority by means of submitting a written customs declaration for the entire amount of imported cash foreign currency and (or) Russian Federation currency and traveller's cheques and external and (or) internal securities in documentary form.

2. Resident physical persons and non-resident physical persons shall have the right to export from the Russian Federation foreign currency, Russian Federation currency, traveller's cheques and external and (or) internal securities in documentary form which were previously imported or transferred into the Russian Federation subject to compliance with the requirements of the customs legislation of the Russian Federation within the limits specified in a customs declaration or other document confirming that they were imported or transferred into the Russian Federation.
3. Resident physical persons and non-resident physical persons shall have the right to export from the Russian Federation at any one time foreign currency and (or) Russian Federation currency cash in an amount equivalent to or not exceeding 10,000 US dollars. In this respect, it shall not be required to present to the customs authority documents confirming that the foreign currency and (or) Russian Federation currency being exported was previously imported or transferred into the Russian Federation or acquired in the Russian Federation.

Where resident physical persons and non-resident physical persons export from the Russian Federation at one time foreign currency cash in an amount equal to or not exceeding the equivalent of 3,000 US dollars, the foreign currency cash which is being exported need not be declared to a customs authority.

Where resident physical persons and non-resident physical persons export from the Russian Federation at one time foreign currency cash in an amount equal to or not exceeding the equivalent of 3,000 US dollars, the foreign currency cash which is being exported must be declared to a customs authority by means of submitting a written customs declaration for the entire amount of foreign currency cash being exported.

The exportation from the Russian Federation by resident physical persons and non-resident physical persons at one time of foreign currency cash in an amount exceeding the equivalent of 10,000 (ten thousand) US dollars shall not be permitted except in the cases provided by part 2 of this Article.

- 3.1 Where resident physical persons and non-resident physical persons export from the Russian Federation at any one time traveller's cheques in an amount exceeding the equivalent of 10,000 US dollars, the exported traveller's cheques must be declared to the customs authority by means of submitting a written customs declaration.
4. Where residents and non-residents export foreign currency, Russian Federation currency, traveller's cheques and external and (or) internal securities in documentary form from the Russian Federation at one time other than in the cases referred to in parts 2, 3 and 3.1 of this Article, the foreign currency and external securities in documentary form being exported must be declared to a customs authority by means of submitting a written customs declaration.
5. In the cases referred to in parts 1, 3 and 3.1 of this Article, foreign currency, Russian Federation currency, traveller's cheques and external and (or) internal securities in documentary form shall be translated into US dollars on the basis of the official exchange rate which is established by the Central Bank of the Russian Federation as at the day of declaration to the customs authority. For the purposes of the declaration to a customs authority of external and (or) internal securities in documentary form there shall be taken:
 - 1) in the case of issuance securities – the nominal value of the securities;
 - 2) in the case of other securities certifying the right to receive Russian Federation currency or foreign currency – the relevant amount in Russian Federation currency or foreign currency which the security certifies the right to receive.

**CHAPTER 3. REPATRIATION BY RESIDENTS OF FOREIGN CURRENCY
AND RUSSIAN FEDERATION CURRENCY AND THE COMPULSORY
SALE OF A PART OF CURRENCY RECEIPTS**

Article 19 Repatriation by Residents of Foreign Currency and Russian Federation Currency

1. When carrying out foreign trade activity, residents shall be obliged, unless otherwise provided by this Federal Law, to ensure that the following occurs within the time limits envisaged by foreign trade agreements (contracts):
 - 1) the receipt from non-residents in their bank accounts with authorized banks of foreign currency or Russian Federation currency which is payable in accordance with the conditions of those agreements (contracts) for goods transferred to non-residents, work performed for them, services rendered to them and information and results of intellectual activity, including exclusive rights thereto, which have been transferred to them;
 - 2) the return to the Russian Federation of monetary resources which were paid to non-residents for goods which have not been imported into the customs territory of the Russian Federation (have not been received in the customs territory of the Russian Federation), work which has not been performed, services which have not been rendered and information and results of intellectual activity, including exclusive rights thereto, which have not been transferred.
2. Residents shall have the right not to credit foreign currency or Russian Federation currency to their bank accounts with authorized banks in the following cases:
 - 1) where currency receipts are credited to accounts of resident legal entities or third parties with banks outside the territory of the Russian Federation – for the purpose of fulfilling obligations of resident legal entities under credit agreements and loan agreements with non-resident organizations which are agents of governments of foreign states and under credit agreements and loan agreements concluded with residents of member states of the OECD or the FATF for a period exceeding two years;
 - 2) where clients (non-residents) pay local expenses incurred by residents in connection with the erection of facilities by residents in the territories of foreign states – during the period of construction, following which any remaining resources must be transferred to accounts held by the residents with authorized banks;
 - 3) where foreign currency which is received by residents from the holding of exhibitions and sporting, cultural and other similar events outside the territory of the Russian Federation is used to cover expenses associated with holding of those events – while those events are being held;

- 4) where an offset of reciprocal claims in respect of obligations is effected between residents which engage in fishing outside the customs territory of the Russian Federation and non-residents which render services to the above-mentioned residents outside the customs territory of the Russian Federation under agency contracts (agreements) concluded with them, and between resident transport organizations and non-residents which render services to the above-mentioned residents outside the customs territory of the Russian Federation under contracts (agreements) concluded with them, and for the purpose of the offsetting of reciprocal claims in respect of obligations between resident transport organizations and non-residents in the event that settlements between them are made through specialized settlement organizations established by international organizations in the field of international carriage of which such resident transport organizations are members;
 - 5) where an offset of reciprocal claims is effected in respect of obligations arising from re-insurance agreements or agreements on the rendering of services associated with the conclusion and performance of re-insurance agreements between a non-resident and a resident which are insurance organizations or insurance brokers;
 - 6) where currency receipts are credited to accounts of resident transport organizations with banks outside the territory of the Russian Federation – for the purpose of paying expenses arising for such transport organizations outside the territory of the Russian Federation in connection with the payment of air navigation, airport and port fees and other compulsory fees in the territories of foreign states, expenses associated with the handling of aircraft, river and sea vessels and other means of transport of such transport organizations and their passengers, and expenses needed to provide for the activities of branches, representations and other subdivisions of such transport organizations which are located outside the territory of the Russian Federation.
3. Foreign currency which has been credited in accordance with clauses 1 and 3 of part 2 of this Article to accounts held by residents or third parties with banks outside the territory of the Russian Federation must be used for the purpose of the fulfilment by residents of their obligations as envisaged by clauses 1 and 3 respectively of part 2 of this Article, or must be transferred to accounts held by residents with authorized banks.

Article 20 Transaction Certificate

1. The Central Bank of the Russian Federation may, for the purpose of providing for accounting and reporting in respect of currency operations in accordance with this Federal Law, establish standard rules for the execution of a transaction certificate by residents at authorized banks when currency operations are carried out between residents and non-residents.
2. A transaction certificate must contain information which is needed to provide for accounting and reporting in respect of currency operations between residents and non-residents. That information shall be entered in the

transaction certificate on the basis of supporting documents possessed by residents.

3. A transaction certificate may be used by currency control bodies and agents for purposes of exercising currency control in accordance with this Federal Law.

CHAPTER 4. CURRENCY CONTROL

Article 22 Currency Control in the Russian Federation, Currency Control Bodies and Agents

1. Currency control in the Russian Federation shall be exercised by the Government of the Russian Federation and currency control bodies and agents in accordance with this Federal Law and other federal laws.
2. The currency control bodies in the Russian Federation shall be the Central Bank of the Russian Federation and a federal executive body (federal executive bodies) authorized by the Government of the Russian Federation.
3. Currency control agents shall be authorized banks which are accountable to the Central Bank of the Russian Federation, the “Bank for Development and Foreign Economic Activities (Vnesheconombank)” State corporation, professional participants in the securities market which are not authorized banks, including register-keepers (registrars), and are accountable to the federal executive body responsible for the securities market, customs authorities and tax authorities.
4. Control over the performance of currency operations by credit organizations and currency exchanges shall be exercised by the Central Bank of the Russian Federation.
5. Control over the performance of currency operations by residents and non-residents which are not credit organizations or currency exchanges shall be exercised by federal executive bodies which are currency control bodies and by currency control agents within the limits of their competence.
6. The Government of the Russian Federation shall provide for the co-ordination of the currency control activities of federal executive bodies which are currency control bodies and for interaction between them and the Central Bank of the Russian Federation.

The Government of the Russian Federation shall provide for interaction between professional participants in the securities market which are not authorized banks and customs and tax authorities in their capacity as currency control agents and the Central Bank of the Russian Federation.

The Central Bank of the Russian Federation shall interact with other currency control bodies and provide for the interaction of authorized banks in their

capacity as currency control agents with those bodies and with customs and tax authorities in accordance with the legislation of the Russian Federation.

Authorized banks in their capacity as currency control agents shall transmit information to customs and tax authorities to the extent and according to the procedure prescribed by the Central Bank of the Russian Federation in order to enable those authorities to carry out their functions as currency control agents.

Article 23 Rights and Obligations of Currency Control Bodies and Agents and Their Officials

1. Currency control bodies and agents and their officials shall have the right, within the limits of their competence and in accordance with the legislation of the Russian Federation:
 - 1) to carry out inspections of compliance by residents and non-residents with acts of currency legislation of the Russian Federation and acts of currency regulation bodies;
 - 2) to carry out inspections as to the completeness and accuracy of accounting records and reports in respect of currency operations of residents and non-residents;
 - 3) to request and receive documents and information which are connected with the performance of currency operations and the opening and maintenance of accounts. The mandatory time limit for the presentation of documents at the request of currency control bodies and agents may not be less than seven working days from the day on which a request is submitted.
2. Currency control bodies and their officials shall have the right, within the limits of their competence:
 - 1) to issue instructions to rectify discovered violations of acts of currency legislation of the Russian Federation and acts of currency regulation bodies;
 - 2) to apply the sanctions prescribed by the legislation of the Russian Federation for the violation of acts of currency legislation of the Russian Federation and acts of currency regulation bodies.
3. The procedure for the presentation by residents and non-residents of supporting documents and information in relation to currency operations to currency control agents shall be established:
 - 1) for the purpose of presentation to currency control agents, with the exception of authorized banks – by the Government of the Russian Federation;
 - 2) for the purpose of presentation to authorized banks – by the Central Bank of the Russian Federation.

4. For purposes of exercising currency control, currency control agents shall have the right, within the limits of their competence, to request and receive from residents and non-residents the following documents (copies of documents) associated with the performance of currency operations and the opening and maintenance of accounts:
 - 1) documents certifying the identity of a physical person;
 - 2) a document confirming the State registration of a physical person as a private entrepreneur;
 - 3) documents certifying the status of a legal entity – in the case of non-residents, or a document confirming the State registration of a legal entity – in the case of residents;
 - 4) a certificate of registration with a tax authority;
 - 5) documents certifying the rights of persons in immovable property;
 - 6) documents certifying the rights of non-residents to carry out currency operations and open accounts (deposits), which are executed and issued by bodies of the country of residence (registration) of a non-resident, where the legislation of a foreign state requires a resident to obtain such a document;
 - 7) notification to the tax authority where a resident is registered of the opening of an account (deposit) with a bank outside the territory of the Russian Federation;
 - 8) registration documents in cases where advance registration is required in accordance with this Federal Law;
 - 9) documents (draft documents) which are the basis for the performance of currency operations, including agreements (contracts), powers of attorney, extracts from the minutes of a general meeting or other management body of a legal entity; documents containing information on the results of trading (where trading has been conducted); documents confirming the transfer of goods (performance of work, rendering of services), information and results of intellectual activity, including exclusive rights thereto, and acts of State bodies;
 - 10) documents which are prepared and issued by credit organizations, including bank statements; documents confirming the performance of currency operations;
 - 11) customs declarations, documents confirming the importation into the Russian Federation of Russian Federation currency, foreign currency and external and internal securities in documentary form;
 - 12) transaction certificate;

- 13) documents confirming that physical persons are spouses or close relatives, including documents issued by civil registry offices (marriage certificate, birth certificate), legally effective court decisions on the establishment of the existence of family or blood relationships, on adoption or on the establishment of paternity and passport entries concerning children or a spouse and other documents envisaged by the legislation of the Russian Federation.
5. Currency control agents shall have the right to demand the presentation only of documents which are directly relevant to a currency operation which is carried out.
- All documents must be valid as at the day on which they are presented to currency control agents. At the request of a currency control agent, duly certified translations into Russian shall be presented for documents which have been executed wholly or partially in a foreign language. Documents originating from State bodies of foreign states which confirm the status of non-resident legal entities must be legalized in accordance with the established procedure. Foreign official documents may be presented without legalization in cases provided by an international agreement of the Russian Federation.
- Documents shall be presented to currency control agents in the original or in the form of a duly certified copy. Where only part of a document is relevant to the performance of a currency operation, a certified extract from that document may be presented.
- Authorized banks shall refuse to carry out a currency operation in the event that a person fails to present documents which are required on the basis of part 4 of this Article and this part, or in the event that a person presents unreliable documents.
- Originals of documents shall be accepted by currency control agents for inspection and returned to the persons who presented them. In this case copies certified by the currency control agent shall be placed in the currency control materials.
6. Tax authorities which carry out advance registration in accordance with this Federal Law shall be obliged, within the limits of their competence, to consider applications from residents for advance registration which is required in accordance with this Federal Law, and to adopt a decision to grant or refuse advance registration.
7. Currency control agents and their officials shall be obliged:
- 1) to monitor compliance by residents and non-residents with acts of currency legislation of the Russian Federation and acts of currency regulation bodies;
 - 2) to present to currency control bodies information concerning currency operations which are carried out with their participation in accordance with the procedure established by acts of currency legislation of the Russian Federation and acts of currency regulation bodies.

8. Currency control bodies and agents and their officials shall be obliged to preserve in accordance with the legislation of the Russian Federation any commercial, banking or official secrets which become known to them in the course of the exercise of their powers.

Authorizations whose period of validity is not specified shall be valid until the date established by paragraph 1 of part 3 of Article 26 of this Federal Law.

9. Where currency control bodies and agents have information concerning a violation of acts of currency legislation of the Russian Federation and acts of currency control bodies by a person which carries out currency operations, or concerning the opening of an account (deposit) with a bank outside the territory of the Russian Federation, sanctions against which are applicable in accordance with the legislation of the Russian Federation by another currency control body, those bodies and agents shall transmit the following information to the currency control body which has the right to apply sanctions against the person in question:
- 1) in the case of a legal entity – name, taxpayer identification number, place of State registration, legal and postal addresses, the nature of the violation, the date of its commission and the amount of the illegal currency operation or violation;
 - 2) in the case of a physical person – surname, first name and patronymic, details of identification document, home address, the nature of the violation specifying which normative legal act has been violated, the date of commission of the violation and the amount of the illegal currency operation or specified violation.
10. Authorized banks shall transmit information in accordance with part 9 of this Article according to the procedure established by the Central Bank of the Russian Federation.
11. Currency control bodies and agents shall present to a currency control body authorized by the Government of the Russian Federation such documents as are needed for the performance of its functions, in which respect the composition of documents and the procedure for their presentation shall be established by the Government of the Russian Federation in consultation with the Central Bank of the Russian Federation.
12. Currency control bodies and agents and their officials shall bear the liability envisaged by the Russian Federation for failure to perform the functions established by this Federal Law and for the violation by them of the rights of residents and non-residents.

Article 24 Rights and Obligations of Residents and Non-Residents

1. Residents and non-residents which carry out currency operations in the Russian Federation shall have the right:
 - 1) to examine reports on inspections carried out by currency control bodies and agents;
 - 2) to appeal against decisions and actions (inaction) of currency control bodies and agents and their officials in accordance with the procedure established by the legislation of the Russian Federation;
 - 3) to compensation in accordance with the procedure established by the legislation of the Russian Federation for damage caused by the unlawful actions (inaction) of currency control bodies and agents and their officials.
2. Residents and non-residents which carry out currency operations in the Russian Federation shall be obliged:
 - 1) to present to currency control bodies and agents the documents and information which are envisaged by Article 23 of this Federal Law;
 - 2) to maintain records and prepare reports in accordance with the established procedure in respect of currency operations carried out by them, ensuring that relevant documents and materials are retained for not less than three years from the day on which a particular currency operation is carried out, but not less than the period of performance of the agreement;
 - 3) to fulfil instructions from currency control bodies to rectify discovered violations of acts of currency legislation of the Russian Federation and acts of currency regulation bodies.

Article 25 Liability for the Violation of Acts of Currency Legislation of the Russian Federation and Acts of Currency Regulation Bodies

Residents and non-residents which have violated the provisions of acts of currency legislation of the Russian Federation and of acts of currency regulation bodies shall bear liability in accordance with the legislation of the Russian Federation.

CHAPTER 5. FINAL PROVISIONS**Article 26 Entry into Force of This Federal Law**

1. This Federal Law shall enter into force upon the expiration of six months from the date of its official publication, with the exception of:

- 1) part 2 of Article 22 of this Federal Law, which shall enter into force from the date of official publication of this Federal Law;
- 2) part 3 of Article 5, Article 12 and paragraph 2 of part 2 of Article 14 of this Federal Law with respect to the procedure for the opening and use of accounts of resident legal entities with banks outside the territory of the Russian Federation, which shall enter into force insofar as that procedure is concerned upon the expiration of one year from the date on which this Federal Law enters into force.
2. Until the entry into force of part 3 of Article 5, Article 12 and paragraph 2 of part 2 of Article 14 of this Federal Law with respect to the procedure for the opening and use of accounts of resident legal entities with banks outside the territory of the Russian Federation, resident legal entities shall open accounts with banks outside the territory of the Russian Federation in accordance with the procedure established by paragraph 1 of clause 2 of Article 5 and Article 6.1 of Law No. 3615-1 of the Russian Federation of October 9, 1992 “Concerning Currency Regulation and Currency Control”.
3. Clause 10 of part 1 of Article 1, parts 1 to 4, 8, 9 and 11 of Article 8, part 3 and paragraph 4 of part 4 of Article 12, parts 1, 8 to 10, 12, 13 and 15 of Article 16 and Articles 18 and 21 of this Federal Law shall have force until January 1, 2007.

From January 1, 2007 part 2 of Article 12 of this Federal Law shall have force in relation to all accounts which are opened by residents with banks outside the territory of the Russian Federation.

Article 7, parts 5 to 7 and 10 of Article 8, parts 3 to 6 of Article 11, paragraph 2 of part 4 of Article 12, parts 5 and 6 of Article 13, parts 5 and 6 of Article 14, parts 2 to 5, 7, 11 and 14 of Article 16 and Article 17 of this Federal Law shall have force until July 1, 2006.

Article 27 Annulment of Legislative Acts (Individual Provisions of Legislative Acts) of the Russian Federation

1. From the date of the official publication of this Federal Law the following shall be deemed to have lost force:
 - 1) clause 2 of Article 11 of Law No. 3615-1 of the Russian Federation of October 9, 1992 “Concerning Currency Regulation and Currency Control” (Gazette of the Congress of People's Deputies of the Russian Federation and the Supreme Soviet of the Russian Federation, 1992, No. 45, Article 2542);
 - 2) paragraph 4 of clause 5 of Article 1 of Federal Law No. 72-FZ of May 31, 2001 “Concerning the Introduction of Amendments and Additions to the Law of the Russian Federation “Concerning Currency Regulation and Currency Control”” (Collected Legislation of the Russian Federation, 2001, No. 23, Article 2290).

2. From the date of entry into force of this Federal Law the following shall be deemed to have lost force:
 - 1) Law No. 3615-1 of the Russian Federation of October 9, 1992 “Concerning Currency Regulation and Currency Control” (Gazette of the Congress of People's Deputies of the Russian Federation and the Supreme Soviet of the Russian Federation, 1992, No. 45, Article 2542), with the exception of paragraph 1 of clause 2 of Article 5 and Article 6.1 with respect to norms which regulate the procedure for the opening by resident legal entities of accounts with banks outside the territory of the Russian Federation;
 - 2) Article 20 of Federal Law No. 192-FZ of December 29, 1998 “Concerning Immediate Measures to be Taken in the Field of Budgetary and Taxation Policy” (Collected Legislation of the Russian Federation, 1999, No. 1, Article 1);
 - 3) Federal Law No. 128-FZ of July 5, 1999 “Concerning the Introduction of Additions to the Law of the Russian Federation “Concerning Currency Regulation and Currency Control”” (Collected Legislation of the Russian Federation, 1999, No. 28, Article 3461);
 - 4) clauses 1 to 3, 5 and 6 of Article 1 of Federal Law No. 72-FZ of May 31, 2001 “Concerning the Introduction of Amendments and Additions to the Law of the Russian Federation “Concerning Currency Regulation and Currency Control”” (Collected Legislation of the Russian Federation, 2001, No. 23, Article 2290);
 - 5) Federal Law No. 130-FZ of August 8, 2001 “Concerning the Introduction of Amendments to Certain Legislative Acts of the Russian Federation Which Pertain to Issues Relating to Currency Regulation” (Collected Legislation of the Russian Federation, 2001, No. 33, Article 3432);
 - 6) paragraphs 14 to 18 of Article 3 of Federal Law No. 196-FZ of December 30, 2001 “Concerning the Implementation of the Administrative Offences Code of the Russian Federation” (Collected Legislation of the Russian Federation, 2002, No. 1, Article 2);
 - 7) Article 5 of Federal Law No. 187-FZ of December 31, 2002 “Concerning the Introduction of Amendments and Additions to Part Two of the Tax Code of the Russian Federation and Certain Other Acts of Legislation of the Russian Federation” (Collected Legislation of the Russian Federation, 2003, No. 1, Article 2);
 - 8) Federal Law No. 192-FZ of December 31, 2002 “Concerning the Introduction of Additions to Article 5 of the Law of the Russian Federation “Concerning Currency Regulation and Currency Control”” (Collected Legislation of the Russian Federation, 2003, No. 1, Article 2);
 - 9) Federal Law No. 28-FZ of February 27, 2003 “Concerning the Introduction of Amendments and Additions to Articles 6 and 8 of the Law of the Russian

Federation “Concerning Currency Regulation and Currency Control”” (Collected Legislation of the Russian Federation, 2003, No. 9, Article 804);

- 10) Federal Law No. 116-FZ of July 7, 2003 “Concerning the Introduction of an Amendment to Article 6 of the Law of the Russian Federation “Concerning Currency Regulation and Currency Control”” (Collected Legislation of the Russian Federation, 2003, No. 28, Article 2885).
3. From the date of entry into force of part 3 of Article 5, Article 12 and paragraph 2 of part 2 of Article 14 of this Federal Law with respect to the procedure for the opening and use of accounts of resident legal entities with banks outside the territory of the Russian Federation, the following shall be deemed to have lost force:
 - 1) Law No. 3615-1 of the Russian Federation of October 9, 1992 “Concerning Currency Regulation and Currency Control” (Gazette of the Congress of People's Deputies of the Russian Federation and the Supreme Soviet of the Russian Federation, 1992, No. 45, Article 2542);
 - 2) Decree No. 3616-1 of the Supreme Soviet of the Russian Federation of October 9, 1992 “Concerning the Reconsideration of the Law of the Russian Federation “Concerning Currency Regulation and Currency Control”” (Gazette of the Congress of People's Deputies of the Russian Federation and the Supreme Soviet of the Russian Federation, 1992, No. 45, Article 2543);
 - 3) Decree No. 3617-1 of the Supreme Soviet of the Russian Federation of October 9, 1992 “Concerning the Implementation of the Law of the Russian Federation “Concerning Currency Regulation and Currency Control”” (Gazette of the Congress of People's Deputies of the Russian Federation and the Supreme Soviet of the Russian Federation, 1992, No. 45, Article 2544);
 - 4) Federal Law No. 72-FZ of May 31, 2001 “Concerning the Introduction of Amendments and Additions to the Law of the Russian Federation “Concerning Currency Regulation and Currency Control”” (Collected Legislation of the Russian Federation, 2001, No. 23, Article 2290).

Article 28 Performance of Currency Operations, Opening of Accounts With Banks Outside the Territory of the Russian Federation and Performance of Operations on Those Accounts, Non-Crediting of Foreign Currency to a Resident's Accounts With Authorized Banks in Accordance With Authorizations Received Prior to the Entry into Force of This Federal Law

1. Restrictions established in accordance with this Federal Law shall not apply to currency operations, to accounts (including the conditions thereof) of residents with banks outside the territory of the Russian Federation or to instances of the non-crediting of foreign currency received by a resident to accounts held by that resident with authorized banks where a resident obtained authorizations from a currency control body prior to the entry into force of this Federal Law

for the performance of a currency operation, the opening of such an account or the non-crediting of foreign currency.

In such case, during the effective period of the above-mentioned authorizations residents must observe the conditions thereof with account taken of the particular considerations which are established by this Article.

Authorizations received by residents prior to the entry into force of this Federal Law shall not apply to currency operations, the procedure for the opening of bank accounts outside the territory of the Russian Federation and the performance of operations thereon or to instances of the non-crediting of foreign currency unless they are expressly provided for by those authorizations.

2. This Article shall apply to authorizations received by residents prior to the entry into force of this Federal Law if the following elements remain unchanged in the authorizations:
 - 1) the resident which received the authorization (except where a physical person has changed his surname, first name and (or) patronymic in accordance with the procedure established by the legislation of the Russian Federation or other particulars of an identification document or in the event of a change in the name, organizational-legal form or other particulars of a legal entity, including State registration details, the taxpayer identification number and codes of State statistical monitoring forms);
 - 2) the nature of the currency operation;
 - 3) the amount of the currency operation;
 - 4) the dates of the performance of the currency operation or the opening of an account;
 - 5) the account conditions;
 - 6) the contract partners of the resident as specified in the authorization (except where a physical person has changed his surname, first name and (or) patronymic in accordance with the procedure established by the legislation of the Russian Federation or other particulars of an identification document or in the event of a change in the name, organizational-legal form or other particulars of a legal entity, including State registration details, the taxpayer identification number and codes of State statistical monitoring forms);
 - 7) the conditions of the non-crediting of foreign currency received by a resident to accounts held by the resident with authorized banks.
3. A resident shall be obliged to present information which is envisaged by authorizations in accordance with the procedure established by those authorizations.

4. Rights and (or) obligations in respect of the authorizations referred to in this Article may not be transferred to third parties.
5. Currency control bodies shall not have the right to make amendments or additions to authorizations issued by them, including by extending their period of validity, from the day on which this Federal Law enters into force.
6. Where any of the conditions contained in authorizations are altered in instances where this is permitted in accordance with part 2 of this Article, the resident to whom the authorization was issued shall be obliged to communicate the new details to the body which issued the authorization within 10 working days from the day of such alteration, attaching copies of relevant documents.
7. The terms and conditions of authorizations referred to in this Article shall be interpreted in accordance with normative legal acts which were in force as at the date of issue of those authorizations.
8. Upon the expiry of the period of validity of authorizations, restrictions established in accordance with this Federal Law shall apply to currency operations and the procedure for the use of accounts which are carried out or used in the future.
9. In the event that a resident carries out currency operations, opens bank accounts outside the territory of the Russian Federation and carries out operations thereon or in the event that foreign currency is not credited to a resident's accounts with authorized banks in violation of the provisions of this Article and of the conditions of an authorization which was received prior to the entry into force of this Federal Law, a currency control body shall terminate that authorization by means of an act, including one which is issued on a submission from another currency control body.

In addition to the cases referred to in paragraph 1 of this part, an authorization may be terminated by an act of a currency control body on the basis of an application from the resident which received that authorization.

In the cases envisaged in this part, an act concerning the termination of an authorization shall be adopted by the currency control body which issued that authorization or by a currency control body authorized by the Government of the Russian Federation. Authorizations issued by the Central Bank of the Russian Federation or a territorial institution thereof shall be terminated on the basis of an act of the Central Bank of the Russian Federation.

Where authorizations are terminated in accordance with this part, the rules established by part 8 of this Article shall apply.

10. After the termination of an authorization for a resident to open an account with a bank outside the territory of the Russian Federation and carry out operations thereon, except in the instances of the termination of authorizations which are referred to in part 9 of this Article, a resident shall have the right to continue to

carry out operations on that account in accordance with Article 12 of this Federal Law.

In such case the resident shall be obliged to report the existence of such an account to the tax authorities where it is registered not later than one month from the day of the termination of the above-mentioned authorization in the form approved by the federal executive body in charge of control and supervision in the area of taxes and levies, in which respect it must also present a copy of the relevant authorization to open an account with a bank outside the territory of the Russian Federation and carry out operations thereon.

In the event that a resident closes an account in accordance with the conditions of an authorization to open an account with a bank outside the territory of the Russian Federation and carry out operations thereon, the resident shall not be required to notify the tax authorities of this fact.

President of the Russian Federation

V. Putin