

## New amendments to Russian Consumer Protection Law affecting sale of electronic products

On 1 April 2021, amendments to the Russian Consumer Protection Law will come into force, which shall require Russian software to be preinstalled on technically complex products of certain categories. These new requirements will affect mostly the sale of electronic products. In particular, the Government has established a specific list of types of goods and types of programs that shall be preinstalled. It is allowed to pre-install not only Russian programs, but also software from other EAEU countries.

The amendments apply particularly to smartphones, computers, tablets, laptops and TVs with smart TV functions.

For browsers, a Russian (or EAEU) search engine should be configured by default. This rule will take effect on 1 July 2021.

Producers of electronic products need to ensure the compliance of their goods with the new requirements, otherwise they will not be able to sell their products. Selling products which do not meet the requirements of the law may potentially lead to administrative liability under Article 14.4 of the Code of Administrative Offences of the Russian Federation (sale of goods of undue quality) or with breach of the legal requirements of the Russian Federation) and imposition of fines (fine of approximately 220-330 EUR; for repeated breaches up to 550 EUR with the possible confiscation of goods).

Please do not hesitate to contact our law firm should you have any questions concerning the new requirements.