

LEGISLATIVE SURVEY OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION: JUNE-DECEMBER 1990*

Introduction

This issue of the *Review of Central and East European Law* includes a new section "Legislative Survey of the Russian Federation". Keeping up to date with legal developments has become a complicated and laborious job, due to the sheer number of legislative and normative acts and, moreover, to the diverse composition of bodies promulgating such acts. With this section, we hope to assist our readers in keeping abreast of the most important legislative output of the Russian Federation. The reason for focusing on this member of the former Soviet Union is because of Russia's dominant geopolitical and economic status among the independent states that have emerged from the former USSR. Furthermore, there is a tendency among the other Commonwealth republics to follow the lead of Russia in drafting new legislation.

In light of Russia's codification history, we have chosen 12 June 1990, the date of the Declaration of the State Sovereignty of the RSFSR, as the starting point for the Survey. We have brought the different laws, decrees and other normative acts issued since that date under a detailed system of headings, so that the various legal documents relate to each other in a meaningful way. The List of Headings and Index provide references to the various headings in the Survey.

The materials contained in the Legislative Survey published in this issue of the *Review* have been selected from legislation promulgated in the period of 12 June 1990 to 31 December 1990.**

Abbreviations:

ACCTU All-Union Central Council of Trade Unions; *CACTU* USSR Council of the All-Union Confederation of Trade Unions; *CM* RSFSR Council of Ministers; *CPD* RSFSR Congress of People's Deputies; *FITU* RSFSR Federation of Independent Trade Unions; *PCM* Presidium of the RSFSR Council of Ministers; *SP* *Sobranie Postanovlenii Pravitel'stva RSFSR*; *SPD* Soviet of People's Deputies; *SS* RSFSR Supreme Soviet; *Ved.RSFSR* *Vedomosti S'ezda Narodnykh Deputatov RSFSR i Verkhovnogo Soveta RSFSR*

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