

## **COVID-19: Russia passes new laws on tightened liability, insolvency, rents, state purchases and medicines**

On 1 April 2020, Federal Laws No. [98-FZ\\*](#), [99-FZ\\*](#) and [100-FZ\\*](#) came into force in connection with the spread of COVID-19, the disease caused by the coronavirus.

In particular, these laws do the following:

- toughen administrative and criminal liability for violation of sanitary and epidemiological rules;
- provide the Russian government with additional powers to introduce a high-alert regime and state of emergency;
- regulate the introduction of a moratorium on bankruptcy proceedings;
- introduce rules for deferring and reviewing rental payments;
- allow state and municipal procurement without observing the established competitive procedures in specific cases; and
- provide the Russian government with the right to establish special rules for the registration and circulation of medicines and medical devices to prevent the spread of dangerous diseases.

\* *In Russian*