

The Russian Federation President Vladimir Putin signed a package of laws related to the COVID-19 pandemic:

### **A State of Emergency:**

The Russian government has received the right:

- To introduce a high-alert or emergency situation in certain regions or on the territory of the entire Russian Federation;
- The government will be able to establish mandatory rules of conduct for citizens;
- The government will coordinate a unified system for the prevention and liquidation of an emergency;
- The list of causes of emergency is supplemented with the wording "spread of a disease that is dangerous to others";
- In case of an emergency or "a threat of a disease that is dangerous to others", the authorities will be able to restrict the wholesale and retail trade of medicines, as well as to regulate the handling of particularly important drugs.

### **Business Support:**

- The law introduces a moratorium on inspections for small and medium-sized businesses until December 31, 2020;
- Individuals or individual entrepreneurs who got a consumer loan or mortgage before this law came into force will be able to apply to the lender until September 30 with a requirement to provide a grace period for servicing the loan (for this several conditions must be met at the same time);
- A moratorium on initiating bankruptcy cases during an emergency is also being introduced, this moratorium will temporarily suspend the obligation of managers on the verge of bankruptcy of companies to file a bankruptcy petition;
- The requirements of the law on public procurement are softened – customers (i.e. authorities) by agreement of the parties will be able to change the prices of state contracts and the terms of their execution (because of the pandemic, businessmen who concluded state contracts were afraid to be bankrupt or even involved in criminal cases)
- Fines will be written off for non-fulfillment of public procurement obligations under concluded contracts in 2020 due to COVID-19;
- The government will get the right to make public purchases from a single supplier by the end of this year in connection with the situation with COVID-19
- A package of assistance to the tourism industry is provided

### **Punishment for violation of sanitary-epidemiological rules:**

The law establishes penalties in the form of a fine from 500,000 to 700,000 rubles, or deprivation of the right to hold certain positions or engage in certain activities for up to 3 years, or imprisonment for up to 2 years.