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Russian Legislation Update

ACCOUNTING

The Federal Tax Service has clarified the actions required in case of substantial technical failure and/or breakdown of cash register equipment

The tax authorities have issued two letters, where the procedure on a cash correction receipt is explained.

Substantial technical failure

After cash register equipment has been restored, the company should generate a cash correction receipt where the total amount of unaccounted cash proceed is presented.

The substantial technical failure of cash register equipment occurred on December 20, 2017.

The agency informs that in this case organization is not responsible for the settlements without a cashier, since it is not guilty in the malfunction.

Breakdown of cash register equipment

If a company has not used cash register equipment due to its breakdown, it is necessary to generate a cash correction receipt for each business transaction.

In this case, to issue a cash correction receipt for the total amount of unaccounted revenue is prohibited. The Federal Tax Service allowed to do so only in case of a substantial technical failure.

However, to avoid a fine for working without the cash register equipment, the company needs to provide the tax authorities with the detailed information on the correction of settlements. The tax authorities did not specify the scope of this information, but provided only the details of the cash correction receipts. We also recommend to include in the reporting the reasons for not using cash register equipment and the date when it has happened.

The case of non-use of the cash register equipment should be reported before the tax authorities has learned it.

The Federal Tax Service also recommends to have an extra cashier so as to avoid the settlements without the cash register equipment.

Source: The RF Federal Tax Service letter No ED-4-20/25867 dated December 20, 2017@, The RF Federal Tax Service letter No ED-4-20/24899 dated December 07, 2017

Verification of counterparties: additional information about companies should appear on the tax service website

The Federal Tax Service projected to introduce the verification of counterparties on July 25, 2017, but the authority postponed its launch on June 1, 2018

Open data will include the information on:

- Uncollected and indebted fines and penalties;
- Tax offenses and liability for them;
- Special tax regimes;
- Participation in consolidated tax-payers' groups;
- Average number of staff, paid taxes and fees, income and expenses of the company as per financial reporting.

Source: The RF Federal Tax Service resolution No MMB-7-14/582 dated July 27, 2017@



PAYROLL ACCOUNTING AND STAFF RECORDS MANAGEMENT

The Bank of Russia has changed the key rate

Since December 18, the key rate will be 7.75% instead of 8.25% per annum.

Source: The Bank of Russia information dated December 15, 2017@

Before decide on the shorter working hours for the child's mother, an employer can request a certificate from the father's job

Only one of the parents of a child under the age of 14 or a disabled child under the age of 18 years is entitled to work shorter working hours. Therefore the Ministry of Labor has allowed the Employer to request a certificate from the second parent place of work.

Source: The RF Ministry of Labor letter No 14-2/B-1012 dated November 17, 2017@

Statutory minimum wage since January 1, 2018

From January 1, 2018, the statutory minimum wage in Russia will increase by 20% and amount to 9,489 rubles.

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