

**DECREE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION NO.
232 OF MARCH 13, 1997 ON THE BASIC DOCUMENT ESTABLISHING
IDENTIFICATION CARDS FOR CITIZENS OF THE RUSSIAN
FEDERATION IN OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION**

In order to create conditions necessary to guarantee the constitutional rights and freedoms of citizens of the Russian Federation, and, until an appropriate federal law is adopted as the basic document establishing identification cards (passports) for citizens of the Russian Federation in the Russian Federation, I hereby resolve:

1. To establish a passport for citizens of the Russian Federation being a basic document identifying a person as a citizen of the Russian Federation in the Russian Federation.

2. The Government of the Russian Federation:

shall, before June 1, 1997, approve a sample form and a description of passport for citizens of the Russian Federation, as well as passport regulations for citizens of the Russian Federation;

shall determine the quantity and the sources needed in a step-by-step financing effort to manufacture passports for citizens of the Russian Federation beginning in 1997, and shall acquire the technical means and other materials needed for making these passports, as well as create the conditions needed for the manufacturing and issuance, thereof.

3. Passport of a citizen of the USSR, that shall identify the person as a citizen of the Russian Federation, shall remain valid until it is replaced by the new passport for citizens of the Russian Federation on the date established.

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