

**DECREE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION NO. 763 OF MAY 23, 1996 ON THE
PROCEDURE FOR THE PUBLICATION AND THE ENTRY INTO FORCE OF THE ACTS OF THE
PRESIDENT OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION
AND THE NORMATIVE LEGAL ACTS OF THE FEDERAL EXECUTIVE BODIES (with the
Amendments and Additions of May 16, 1997, August 13, 1998, June 28, 2005)**

For the purposes of bringing the procedure for the publication and the entry into force of the decrees and orders of the President of the Russian Federation, the decisions and orders of the Government of the Russian Federation, and also the normative legal acts of the federal executive bodies into conformity with the Constitution of the Russian Federation, the Law of the Russian Federation on State Secrets, the Federal Laws on the Procedure for the Publication and the Entry into Force of Federal Constitutional Laws, Federal Laws, and Acts of the Houses of the Federal Assembly and on Information, Informatization, and the Protection of Information, I hereby decree:

1. The decrees and orders of the President of the Russian Federation (hereinafter referred to as acts of the President of the Russian Federation), and the decisions and orders of the Government of the Russian Federation (hereinafter referred to as the acts of the Government of the Russian Federation) shall be subject to obligatory official publication, excepting only acts or certain provisions thereof containing information that constitutes a State secret or information of a confidential character.

2. The acts of the President of the Russian Federation and the acts of the Government of the Russian Federation shall be subject to official publication in the Rossiyskaya gazeta (Russian Gazette) and in the Sobraniye zakonodatelstva Rossiyskoy Federatsii (Collection of the Legislation of the Russian Federation) within ten days after the day of their signing.

The official publication of the acts of the President of the Russian Federation and the acts of the Government of the Russian Federation shall be deemed to be the publication of their texts in the Rossiyskaya gazeta or in the Sobraniye zakonodatelstva Rossiyskoy Federatsii.

Official publication is also permitted through the texts of the acts of the President of the Russian Federation and the acts of the Government of the Russian Federation being distributed in a machine-readable form by the scientific-and-technical center of legal information "System".

3. The acts of the President of the Russian Federation and the acts of the Government of the Russian Federation may be published in other printed publications, and also may be made public on the television and radio, may be sent to State bodies, bodies of local self-government, officials, enterprises, institutions, or organizations, and may be transmitted by communications channels.

4. Control over the correctness and timeliness of the publication of the acts of the President of the Russian Federation shall be exercised by the State Legal Department of the President of the Russian Federation, and over the acts of the Government of the Russian Federation, by the Office of the Government of the Russian Federation.

6. The acts of the Government of the Russian Federation involving the rights, freedoms and duties of man and citizen, or establishing the legal status of the federal bodies of executive power, and also of organizations shall enter into force simultaneously through the territory of the Russian Federation upon the expiration of seven days after the day of their official publication.

Any other acts of the Government of the Russian Federation, including acts containing certain information that of confidential character shall enter into force on the day of their signing.

7. In the acts of the President of the Russian Federation and the acts of the Government of the Russian Federation there may be established a different procedure for their entering into force.

8. The normative legal acts of the federal bodies of executive power involving the rights, freedoms and duties of man and citizen, or establishing the legal status of organizations or having interdepartmental character (hereinafter referred to as the normative legal acts of the federal bodies of executive power), which acts have passed the State registration at the Ministry of Justice of the Russian Federation, shall be subject to official publication, except the acts or certain provisions thereof containing information that constitutes a State secret or information of confidential character.

9. The normative legal acts of the federal bodies of executive power shall be subject to official publication in the newspaper Rossiyskay Gazeta (The Russian Newspaper) within ten days after the day of their registration, and also in the Buleten normativnykh aktov federalnykh organov ispolnitelnoy vlasti (Bulletin of the Normative Acts of the Federal Bodies of Executive Power) of the Publishing House Juridicheskaya literatura (Law Literature) of the Administration of the President of the Russian Federation, which Bulletin must be published, as from the second half-year of 1996, at least twice a month, and as from 1998, every week. There shall also be official the said Bulletin distributed in a machine-readable form by the scientific-and-technical center of legal information "System".

10. Any normative legal acts of the federal bodies of executive power, except the acts and certain provisions thereof containing information that constitutes a State secret or information of confidential character, which have not passed the State registration, and also those registered but not published in the established procedure, shall not entail legal consequences as acts that have not come into force and may not serve as the grounds for regulating the relevant legal relations and for applying the sanctions to

citizens, officials and organizations for the failure to fulfil the precepts contained therein. Such acts may not be referred to in the settlement of disputes.

11. The control over the correctness and timeliness of the publication of the normative legal acts of the federal bodies of executive power shall be exercised by the Ministry of Justice of the Russian Federation.

12. The normative legal acts of the federal bodies of executive power shall enter into force simultaneously on the whole territory of the Russian Federation upon the expiry of ten days after the day of their official publication, unless the acts themselves have established a different procedure for their entering into force.

The regulatory legal acts of the federal bodies of executive power containing the intelligence being state secret or the intelligence of confidential nature and due to that not subject to publication, which have undergone state registration in the Ministry of Justice of the Russian Federation, shall come into force from the date of the state registration and attributing a number except as a later date being set for their coming into force in the acts themselves.

13. The Government of the Russian Federation:

shall within two months prepare jointly with the Chief State Legal Department of the President of the Russian Federation and submit for the approval of the President of the Russian Federation a list of the information of confidential character;

shall within a month bring its normative acts in conformity with the present Decree.

14. To invalidate the acts of the President of the Russian Federation in the List according to the Annex.

President of the Russian Federation

Boris Yeltsin

Appendix

List of the Invalidated Acts of the President of the Russian Federation

1. Decree of the President of the Russian Federation No. 302 of March 26, 1992 on the Procedure for the Publication and the Entering into Force of the Acts of the President of the Russian Federation and the Government of the Russian Federation (Sobraniye aktov Prezidenta i Pravitelstva Rossiyskoy Federatsii, 1992, No. 1, item 1).

2. Order of the President of the Russian Federation No. 129-rp of March 26, 1992 the Issues of the Sobraniye aktov Prezidenta i Pravitelstva Rossiyskoy Federatsii.

3. Order of the President of the Russian Federation No. 130-rp of March 26, 1992 on the Editorial Board Sobraniye aktov Prezidenta i Pravitelstva Rossiyskoy Federatsii.

4. Decree of the President of the Russian Federation No. 104 of January 21, 1993 on the Normative Acts of the Central Bodies of State Administration of the Russian Federation (Sobraniye aktov Prezidenta i Pravitelstva Rossiyskoy Federatsii, 1993, No. 4, item 301).

5. Item 2 of the Decree of the President of the Russian Federation No. 482 of April 23, 1993 on Invalidating and Amending Certain Acts of the President of the Russian Federation in Connection with the Adoption of the Law of the Russian Federation on the Council of Ministers - the Government of the Russian Federation (Sobraniye aktov Prezidenta i Pravitelstva Rossiyskoy Federatsii, 1993, No. 17, item 1453).