

**DECREE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION NO. 243 OF MARCH 3, 2005 ON THE INTRODUCTION OF AMENDMENTS TO THE LIST OF INFORMATION ITEMS CONTAINING STATE SECRETS, APPROVED BY PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1203 OF NOVEMBER 30, 1995**

In accordance with Articles 4, 5 and 9 of Law of the Russian Federation No. 5485-I of July 21, 1993 on State Secrets I resolve as follows:

1. The following amendments shall be made in Section IV of the List of Information Items Containing State Secrets, approved by Decree of the President of the Russian Federation No. 1203 of November 30, 1995 on the Approval of the List of Information Items Ascribed to State Secrets (Sobraniye Zakonodatelstva Rossiyskoy Federatsii No. 49, 1995, item 4775; No. 5, 1998, item 561; No. 24, 2001, item 2418; No. 38, 2001, item 3724; No. 22, 2002, item 2074):

a) Items 40 and 41 shall be worded as follows:

"40. Information about state-owned reserves of silver in kind or in money terms as a whole for the Russian Federation or for the federal executive body

The Ministry of Finance of Russia and the Central Bank of Russia

41. Information about the reserves of platinum, metals of the platinum group, natural diamonds in the Russian Agency in Charge of Precious Metals and Gemstones and the Central Bank of Russia

The Ministry of Finance of Russia and the Central Bank of Russia";

b) Item 42 shall be invalidated;

c) Items 43 - 45 shall be worded as follows:

"43. Information about the receipts of silver by the Russian Agency in Charge of Precious Metals and Gemstones, the Central Bank of Russia in kind or in money terms as a whole for the Russian Federation, for a separate subject of the Russian Federation or for the federal executive body

The Ministry of Finance of Russia

"44. Information about the volumes of consumption of silver in kind or in money terms over a period of one year or more as a whole for the Russian Federation, a separate subject of the Russian Federation or for the federal executive body

The Ministry of Finance of Russian and the Central Bank of Russia

"45. Information about the release of silver from the Russian Agency in Charge of Precious Metals and Gemstones and the Central Bank of Russia in kind or in terms of money as a whole for the Russian Federation or for the federal executive body

The Ministry of Finance of Russia"

d) Items 46 and 47 shall be invalidated;

e) Item 63 shall be worded as follows:

"63. Overall information about the Russian export and import of non-monetary gold, precious metals and gemstones or articles therefrom, except for platinum, metals of the platinum group and natural diamonds

The Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of Russia".

2. To invalidate the fifth, ninth and tenth paragraphs of Subitem (b) of Item 2 in the Appendix to Decree of the President of the Russian Federation No. 659 of June 6, 2001 on the Introduction of Amendments and Addenda to the List of Information Items Containing State Secrets, approved by Decree of the President of the Russian Federation No. 1203 of November 30, 1995 (Sobraniye Zakonodatelstva Rossiyskoy Federatsii No. 24, 2001, item 2418).

3. The validity of the present Decree shall extend to the legal relations which arose after February 18, 2004.

President of the Russian Federation

Vladimir Putin

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