

MAIN TRENDS IN PHARMACEUTICALS, MEDICAL EQUIPMENT PROCUREMENT IN 2015

On December 4, 2015, Manager of VEGAS LEX Life sciences projects Maria Borzova spoke at the Fourth International Forum Pharma and Biotech 2, devoted to the availability and quality of medicines amid economic crisis.

On December 4 and 5, 2015, Moscow hosted the *Fourth International Forum Pharma and Biotech 2: Accessibility and quality of medicines in the context of economic crisis* for healthcare and the cold chain professionals from Russia and the EAEU.

Manager of VEGAS LEX Life sciences projects [Maria Borzova](#) spoke during the session on anti-crisis healthcare financing, drug supplies and public procurement. Her presentation on the *Main Trends in the Pharmaceuticals and Medical Equipment Procurement in 2015* familiarized the audience with the general characteristics of the pharmaceutical products procurement development in 2015. She discussed some practical aspects of applying the "odd-man-out" principle in the procurement of medical devices and analyzed individual regulatory issues of procurement of medicines, also in the context of the possible application of the "odd-man-out" resolution signed a few days before the conference.

Ms. Borzova spoke at the roundtable, *Expert view on the impact of crisis on pharmaceutical market participants*, giving a brief description of the current practice and major court cases in 2015 involving the protection of intellectual property rights for drugs. She also discussed the Federal Antimonopoly Service's plans to restrict the patentability of pharmaceuticals-related inventions.

The forum participants also discussed the work of the Russian systems of medicines and medical devices registration in the first year of the EAEU market; practical aspects of introducing GMP/GDP in Russia; the formation of the Expert Board for the forum *Pharma and Biotech in the context of the cold chain*; problems of the cold chain development in Russia; the anti-crisis of financing of healthcare; and drug supplies and public procurement.

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