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### **Igor Artemyev Informs AEB Members about FAS Current Practices.**

On September 23, 2014 the Head of the Federal Antimonopoly Service (FAS Russia) Igor Artemyev, spoke at a briefing of the Association of European Businesses (AEB) about current practices and the development of antimonopoly laws.

Mr. Artemyev told AEB members about the "fourth antimonopoly package", which is currently being approved by the Russian State Duma, as a system of preventive control. He noted that one major change that will arise from this will be that FAS will first send notice before proceeding with cases. He also added that some Competition Law articles were being implemented on a trial basis already and warnings are being sent in 75% of existing cases.

Mr. Artemyev also asked AEB experts to work jointly with the FAS in developing the proper wording for the forward on the Russian Government's authorization to approve regulations on antimonopoly violations of non-discriminatory access to goods in high-concentration goods markets. He noted that this point was exclusively concerned with risks similar to the "Pikalevsky Syndrome" incident.\*

Mr. Artemyev spoke specifically on the Automotive Manufacturer and Dealer Code of Conduct, which was developed in cooperation with AEB, referring to it as a more correct and effective way of industry self-regulation. He continued by saying that a similar document should be developed for the pharmaceutical market. This proposal was supported by the antimonopoly authorities of other BRICS countries during a September 2014 'Day of Competition' event.

Speaking on international affairs, Mr. Artemyev said that FAS was currently conducting analyses on the markets of food, grain, oil products, and airline tickets within the framework of the Customs Union and including Armenia and Kyrgyzstan.

"For us, AEB is one of the main platform for working on improving the investment climate", said Mr. Artemyev.

Mr. Artemyev pointed out to the conference members FAS plans to optimize the procurement activities of state companies and compile best practices in this area. FAS is currently working with large state corporations in developing these standards.

*\* At the end of 2008, in the town of Pikalevo in the Leningrad region, due to supply disruptions from the OAO Apatit factory, the Pikalevsky alumina refinery shut down production which in turn forced the closure of the Pikalevskay Cement and Metachim factories who were dependent on the supply of alumina.*

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