

Parallel imports of medical devices: a legal overview of the current situation

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Ensuring the availability of modern medical equipment is an important objective for Russian regulators, especially in the face of sanctions pressure. At the same time, localising the production of the full range of key medical devices through the full cycle is a resource-intensive and lengthy process. Therefore, the Russian healthcare industry still relies on supplies of foreign-made products.

In turn, foreign businesses which continue to import medical devices into Russia are interested in controlling such imports and suppressing “grey” supplies by unauthorised companies. In this regard, against the backdrop of the partial legalisation of parallel imports, many foreign manufacturers wish to understand the current practice of parallel imports of medical devices and the methods for countering unauthorised importers.

We have summarised our own experience and recent case law to provide you with a brief legal overview of the current situation regarding the parallel import of medical devices into Russia.

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