

# COVID-19 AND ITS IMPLICATIONS FOR CONTRACTUAL RELATIONS

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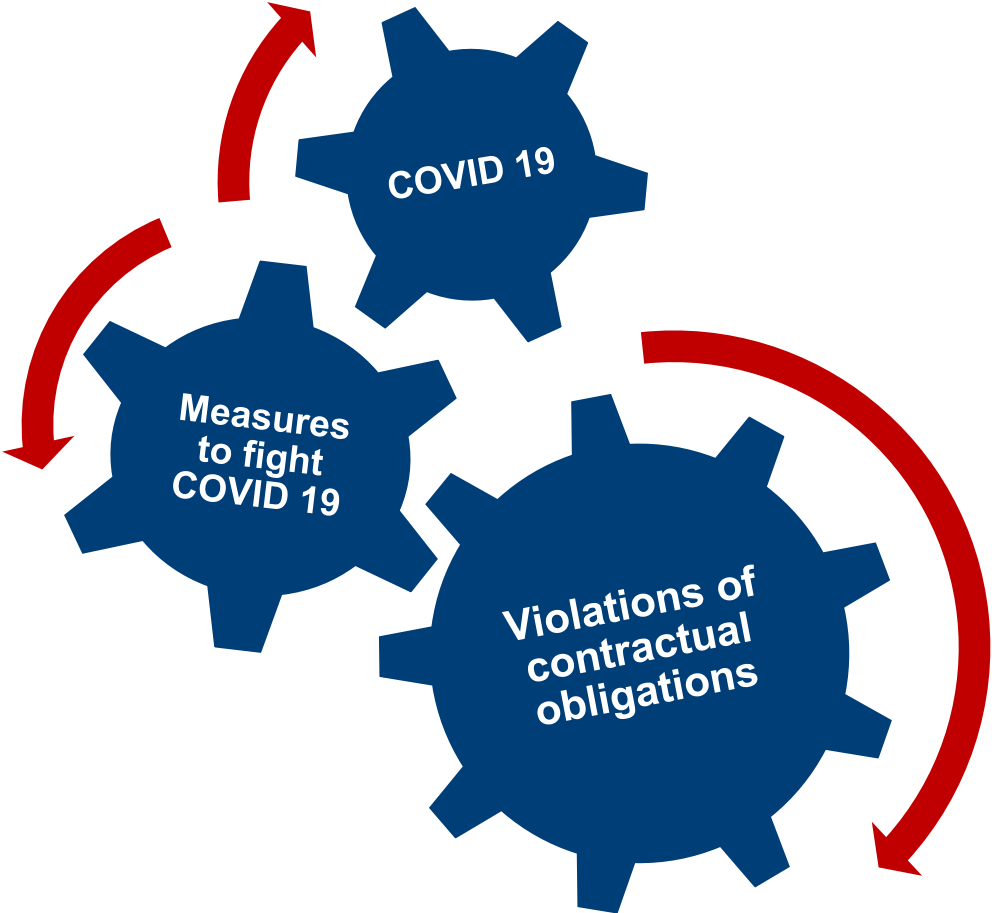
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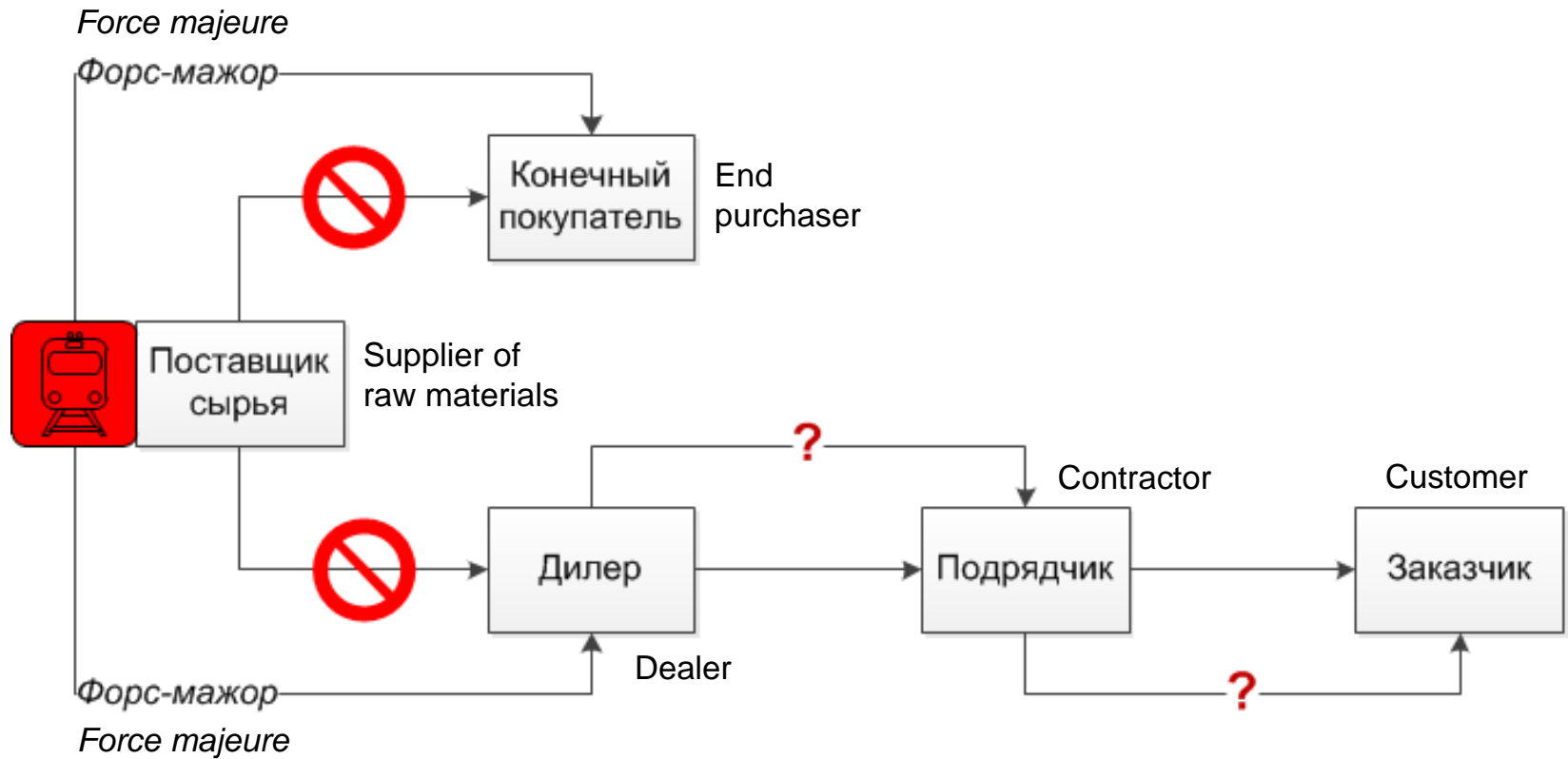


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## MEASURES TO FIGHT COVID 19

- Quarantine for those arriving in Russia
- Restrictions on or cancellation of air/rail travel
- Prohibition on the performance of certain activities
- Self-isolation
- Pass system in cities
- Introduction of public-health measures at companies
- Additional checks on freight

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## LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

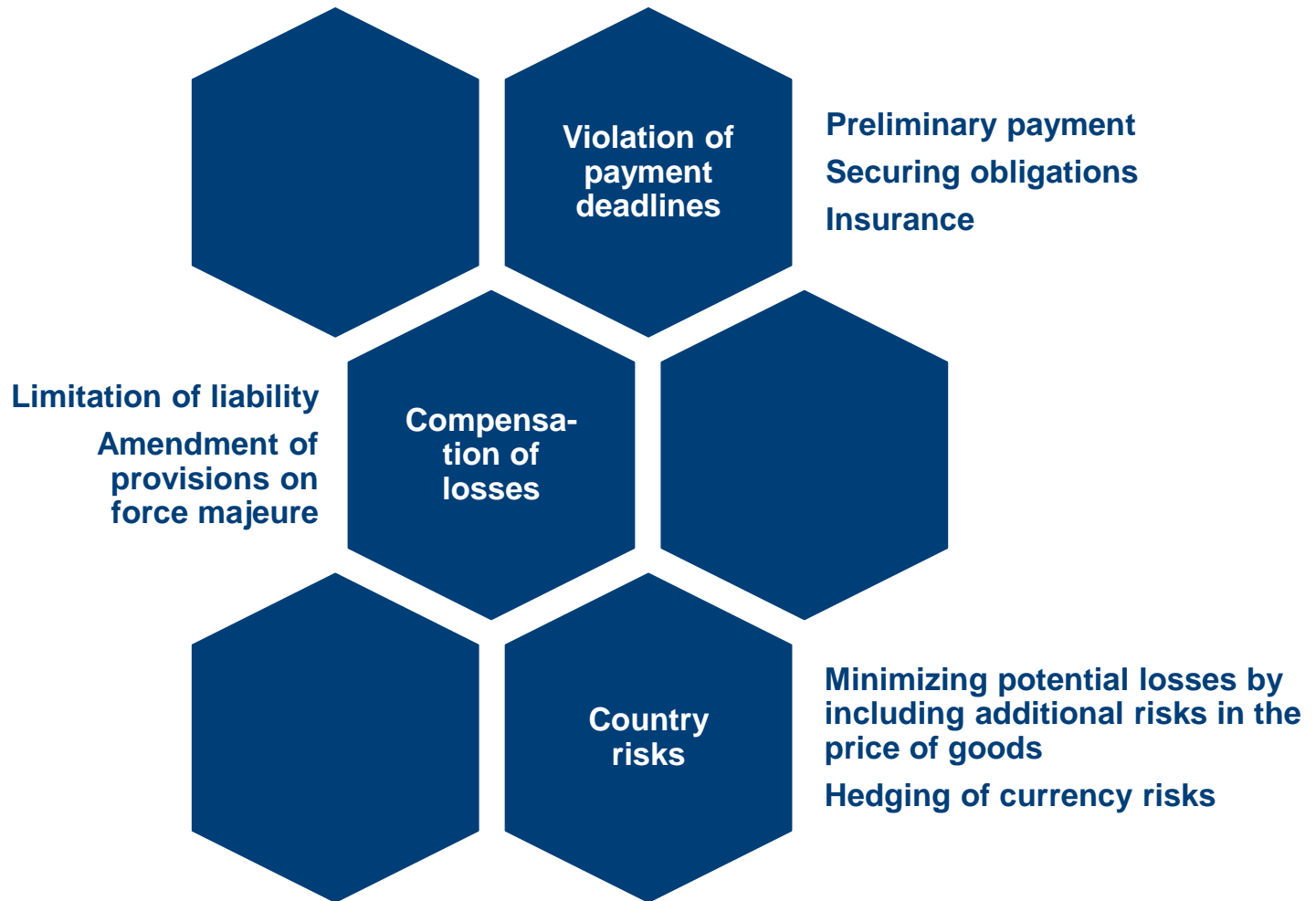
- Liability for non-performance of obligations
  - Compensation of losses, payment of penalties and fines
- **COVID 19 and measures to fight against the epidemic**
  - Constitute force-majeure circumstances (Moscow Mayor's Decree dated 14 March 2020)
  - Are grounds for an exemption from liability for breaching obligations; this exemption arises exclusively from COVID 19 and the measures to fight the epidemic
  - **Requires compliance with contractual requirements (notification by the agreed deadline and in the agreed form)**

# NEW CONTRACTS DURING THE PANDEMIC

## CONCLUSION OF NEW CONTRACTS

- **Procedure for concluding contracts**
  - Electronic form
  - Exchange of documents
- **Provisions on limiting liability**
  - Review of contractual provisions on force-majeure circumstances
  - Inclusion of provisions on limiting liability
  - Provisions on extending deadlines for the performance of obligations in connection with the occurrence of certain agreed events

# RELATIONS AFTER THE PANDEMIC



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**THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!**

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