Dear colleagues!

I am happy to congratulate you on the 25th anniversary of the Russian antimonopoly regulation!

National history of competition authorities coincides with formation of the New Russia. In times of change and country’s transition to the market economy the first antimonopoly authority was established.

Since then, antimonopoly authorities were changing their structure and names, however, their goal remained the same - protection of competition. Therefore, each of these authorities greatly contributed to a more sustainable economy in Russia.

In 2004, the Federal Antimonopoly Service was established. At present, alongside the traditional functions of antimonopoly authority it has other additional powers, such as control over observing competition rules by the public authorities, control over public procurement, including the sphere of defense and security, control over foreign investments and advertising law compliance.

The development of antimonopoly regulation contributed to a constant improvement of legislation, gaining experience, unification of enforcement. This 25 years of huge work resulted in changes in production relations in the entire sectors of the economy and recognition of the Russian antimonopoly policy as compliant with the high global standards.

We still have a lot of work to do, many interesting and important challenges in competition development related matters. I wish all of us achieving of stated objectives and power for effective work to the benefit of Russia!

Igor Artemiev  
Head of the Federal Antimonopoly Service
Experts of competition legislation claim that the United States of America are the founders of the antimonopoly legislation, where in 1890 the Sherman Act was adopted – the federal law that declared monopoly, trade restriction, forming a companies’ alliance and conspiracy being a criminal offence.

However, the “traditional” point of view is probably far from the truth, because criminal responsibility for anticompetitive collusions in Russia goes back 45 years earlier!

The penalty for price-fixing agreement in Russia existed as early as the mid-19th century. In 1845, the Emperor Nicholas I of Russia enacted «Code of Criminal and Correction Remedies», where 3 corpus delicti of a crime in regard to cartels and price-fixing agreements of producers and traders were established.

The modern-day legislator followed the national pre-revolutionary tradition and set in the Article 178 of the Criminal Code similar penalties for price-fixing agreements and collusions that restrict competition.

“The economy shall work in accordance with fair competition rules”

Vladimir Putin
President of Russia

“The promotion of competition is, and will continue to be the key focus of our economic policy, essential factor of economic modernization”

Igor Shuvalov
First Deputy Prime Minister of Russia

“The increase of competition and volume of supply are the main price stabilizing tools. I guess no one can invent other tools”

Arkady Dvorkovich
Deputy Prime Minister of Russia
1990
The first antimonopoly authority is established – the State Committee of RSFSR for Antimonopoly Policy and Support of New Economic Structures (GKAP Russia)

On October 11, 1990 Valery Chernogorodsky was appointed the GKAP Russia Chairman

«The fact of decision on the establishment of such organization demonstrates that at that moment the words «market economy» were understood appropriately, and that self-regulation is only possible if there are competitive markets and implementation of competition rules. It was the time to hit the ground running. After 3-4 months the Central Office of the Committee was established and started functioning»

Valery Chernogorodsky

1991
The Order of the GKAP Russia established Regional offices of the antimonopoly authority


Currently, 84 Regional offices constitute the structure of the FAS Russia.

They act on the territory of all the 85 regions of the Russian Federation.

Creation dynamic of Regional offices

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1992
В ноябре председателем Государственного комитета РСФСР по антимонопольной политике и поддержке новых экономических структур назначен Леонид Бочин

“there was no study of competition law in the USSR. That is why the biggest problem was to find people that possessed a good knowledge in competition policy. There were three such experts. Probably, five... In essence, experts in the field of legal frameworks of competition principles saved the situation – Nina Klein, Gainan Avilov, Andrey Tsyganov”

Leonid Bochin

Andrey Tsyganov, Deputy Head of the FAS Russia – one of the main antimonopoly legislation drafters

1993
On December 23, 1993 the Interstate Council on Antimonopoly Policy of CIS countries (ICAP) was established

The Treaty on Implementation of the Coordinated Antimonopoly Policy was signed by Azerbaijan, Armenia, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Republic of Moldova, Russia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan and Ukraine

The new Constitution of the Russian Federation is adopted

The Basic Law assured freedom of economic activity and support to competition

Article 34
1. Each citizen has the right to use freely his (her) abilities and property for entrepreneurial and other economic activity not prohibited by law.
2. Economic activity aimed at monopolization and unfair competition is not permitted.

On left photo: Group photos of the ICAP sessions’ participants
On bottom photo: ICAP session to mark its Council’s 20th anniversary, September 2013
25th Anniversary of the Russian Competition Regulation

1994–1996
In 1994, the new Civil Code of the Russian Federation was adopted

Article 10
“Not admissible shall also be the use of the civil rights for the purpose of restricting competition, as well as the abuse of the dominant position on the market”

On June 14, 1995 the State Duma approved the first law «On Advertising» (108-FZ)

Andrey Kashevarov, Deputy Head of the FAS Russia

1997
The State Antimonopoly Committee (SAC Russia) is established

On August 25, 1997 Natalia Fonaryova was appointed the Head of the SAC Russia

Adoption of the Law “On Protection of Competition in Financial Markets” became an important milestone in the history of Russia. But in the beginning it did not apply to financial markets, where nowadays economic concentration or, more simply, gradual monopolization is in high gear...


Natalia Fonaryova worked in the field of antimonopoly regulation since 1992. She evolved from the Head of Division of the GAKP to the Head of the State Antimonopoly Committee.

5 years of antimonopoly regulation in Russia!

“...The economic reforms in Russia required the creation of new, adequate legal framework. The most important set of laws, dedicated to conducting effective promotion of reforms, transition to a market economy, was laws concerning regulation of competition issues, dedicated to conducting the prevention and combating of monopolistic activity and unfair competition.”

Natalia Fonaryova

Andrey Kashevarov, Deputy Head of the FAS Russia
On September 22, 1998 the Ministry of the Russian Federation on Antimonopoly Policy and Support to Entrepreneurship (MAP Russia) was established.

Gennady Khodyrev was appointed the Minister.

“Back then, the reality was that even in market conditions the state shall not be discharged from its regulatory, control and economic functions. In this context, the idea of establishing the ministry for antimonopoly policy was born as a special regulator of economic relations.”

In May 1999, Ilya Yuzhanov was appointed the Minister for Antimonopoly Policy and Support to Entrepreneurship.

“By making decisions, we protect the economic interests of our country. Our Ministry is so called «economic Traffic Police». Similar to Traffic Police, people are not very favorable about it. But there be chaos without it. Sometimes we «limit the speed», «ban the traffic», that is why people don’t really like us, therefore, they respect us.”

10 years of antimonopoly regulation in Russia!
1999–2004


2004

On March 9, 2004 the Federal Antimonopoly Service (FAS Russia) was established

Igor Artemiev: “There is a need for active policy to protect competition in Russia”.

The first session of the Collegium of the FAS Russia

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Mission

Freedom of competition and effective protection of entrepreneurship for the future of Russia

Values

Openness, Cooperation, Effectiveness

Motto

Legitimacy, Equality, Justice

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2005
The Federal Law “On Public Procurement” №94-FZ is adopted
A huge step towards fighting corruption in the procurement sphere was made. The Law made it possible to create modern and effective public procurement system.

15 years of antimonopoly regulation in Russia!

2005
FAS Russia is listed in the Rating Enforcement, published by an independent international periodical “Global Competition Review”
By the results of 2014 only 36 competition authorities out of 146 existing were listed in the GCR Rating. FAS Russia has been appraised by the GCR since 2005. The Service has been steadily strengthen its performance.

Our goal is to be in the world’s top ten of competition authorities

The assessment of the FAS Russia in the GCR annual ranking of the world's top competition authorities
2006

The Federal Law №135-FZ “On Protection of Competition” was adopted

The Law №135-FZ united the competition protection provisions in commodity and financial markets and reflected the existing system of antimonopoly regulation.

The new Federal Law “On Advertising” (№38-FZ) was adopted

- FAS Russia became a member of the ICN Steering Group
- The Headquarters for Joint Investigations of Antimonopoly Violations in the CIS member-states was created

Deputy Head of the Federal Antimonopoly Service Andrey Kashevarov during signing of the Advertising and Marketing Practice Code of the Russian Federation

2007

The 6th Annual Conference of the International Competition Network (ICN), Moscow, 30 May – 1 June 2007. The main international event of the year in the competition field.

At the present time there are 130 competition authorities from 117 countries in the ICN, including authorities from the USA, EU, countries in Eastern Europe, the CIS, Latin America and Asia.

Today, the ICN is an influential international community of competition authorities from different countries from around the globe

The Conference Presidium: Igor Artemiev, Mikhail Fradkov, Sheridan Scott - the ICN Chairman, Neelie Kroes – the European Commissioner for Competition and German Gref - the Minister of Economic Development and Trade of Russian Federation
On April 9, 2007 under the Law №45-FZ “On Introducing Amendments to the Code of the Russian Federation on Administrative Violations” the turnover-based fines were introduced.

The most substantial fines for violation of the antimonopoly law:
- “TNK-BP” Holding JSC Fine amount: 2 283 320 844,36 RUR (64 318 897.02 EUR) (2008, 2009)

The Round table “New amendments to the Forth Antimonopoly Package”. March, 2015. Anna Numerova, the Chairperson of the General Council of the Non-Commercial Partnership “Assistance to Competition Development”, Seregey Puzyrevsky, the Head of the Legal Department of the FAS Russia and Andrey Tsiganov, the Deputy Head of the FAS Russia.

The Anti-Cartel Department. In the centre – Andrey Tenischev, the Head of the Department and Alexander Kinev, the Deputy Head of the FAS Russia.

In 2009, the criminal liability for cartels was introduced by the Second Antimonopoly Package (Article 178 of the Criminal Code of the Russian Federation).
2009

The “Second Antimonopoly Package” of amendments to the Law “On Protection of Competition” came into effect

Establishment of the Non-Commercial Partnership “Assistance to Competition Development in the CIS countries”

The Partnership is the platform for leading experts to discuss and formulate antimonopoly policy issues on the territory of the CIS member states

Zhou Bohua, the Head of the Chinese State Administration for Industry and Commerce, Lesya Davydova, the Head of the Department for International Economic Cooperation, Andrey Tsarikovskiy and Igor Artemiev

2010

“The Russian Competition Day”, Suzdal

Antonio Henrique P. Silveira, the Head of the Brazilian System of Competition Policy, Igor Artemiev, the Head of the FAS Russia, Danendra Kumar, the Chairperson of the Competition Commission of India and Zhou Bohua, the Head of the Chinese State Administration for Industry and Commerce

Igor Artemiev summarizes the 20-year performance results of the antimonopoly regulation in Russia

The extended meeting of the Collegium of the FAS Russia

Theodor Tanner, the Head of the Austrian Federal Competition Authority, Igor Shuvalov, the First Deputy Prime Minister of the Russian Federation and Igor Artemiev

Rewarding of participants of the Second Sports games of the FAS Russia

20 years of antimonopoly regulation in Russia!
2011

“The Russian Competition Day”, Rostov-on-Don

Theodor Tanner: “The FAS Russia is one of the top three competition authorities in Europe.”

Viorica Kerare, the Head of the National Agency for Protection of Competition of the Republic of Moldova

In the foreground: Sergey Puzyrevsky, the Head of the Legal Department of the FAS Russia

2011

In 2011, the FAS Russia was the first one of the federal executive authorities to be awarded with the Certificate of compliance with ISO 9001:2008 international standard

The Leaders of the FAS Russia and the Head of the Antimonopoly Bureau of the Ministry of Commerce of the People’s Republic of China agreed on cooperation

Vasily Rudomino, the Chairman of the Council of the Non-Commercial Partnership “Assistance to Competition Development in the CIS countries”, and Timophey Nizhegorodtsev, the Head of the Department for Control over Social Sphere and Trade of the FAS Russia

The second BRICS International Competition Conference, China
2012
Opening of the FAS Russia Center for Education and Methodics

Rustam Minnikhanov, the President of the Republic of Tatarstan and Nurlan Aldabergenov, member of the Collegium – Minister for Competition and Antimonopoly Regulation of the Eurasian Economic Commission (EEC)

Anna Miroshnikov, the Head of the Department for Control over Chemical Industry and Agro-industrial Complex of the FAS Russia

Igor Artemiev: “The FAS Russia Center for Education and Methodics shall play a critical part on the international scene”

2013
The Competition Committee of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development recognized the compliance of the Russian antimonopoly legislation and law enforcement with the OECD’s standards

The FAS Russia delegation at the OECD Competition Committee’s meeting

The briefing of Igor Artemiev in the Association of European Business. April, 2013

The extended meeting of the Collegium of the FAS Russia. February, 2013

The meeting with the OECD representatives
2014
The 10th anniversary of the FAS Russia

With Igor Shuvalov in the Central office of the FAS Russia

Vladimir Mishelovin (amidmost) – the Head of the Department for Control and Finances of the FAS Russia

“The Russian Competition Day”, Saint Petersburg

2015
The European Economic Union (EEU) started its work

The functions on control in the sphere of the public defense procurement (Rosoboronzakaz) were transferred to the FAS Russia on January 1, 2015

Daniil Fesyuk, the Deputy Head of the FAS Russia (second to the right) at the meeting devoted to development of the defense-industrial complex in Izhevsk

25 years of antimonopoly regulation in Russia!

Maksim Ovchinnikov, the Deputy Head of the FAS Russia

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