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Stance of the Association of European Businesses on the Resolution of the Constitutional Court of the Russian Federation dated February 13, 2018

The Association of European Businesses (AEB) is paying close attention to the situation concerning the legalization of parallel imports.

The Resolution of the Constitutional Court dated February 13, 2018 is of particular importance, as it affirms the existing prohibition of parallel imports.

Nevertheless, the representatives of the Association believe that legal proceedings are the only way to demonstrate how certain provisions of the Resolution will be applied in practice, in particular, the ones that relate to the differentiation of sanctions for parallel imports and the import of counterfeit goods.

"We have been following the development of the situation with parallel imports for a long time, and we consistently stand against their legalization. Parallel imports to the European Union are prohibited, and this has positively impacted the development of modern industry. In order to build a company strategy, investors need legislation to be clear and stable. The legalization of parallel imports will inevitably reduce the investment attractiveness of the country and contribute to counterfeit imports. Moreover, parallel imports bring about high consumer risks. If parallel importers illegally distribute goods, manufacturers won't be able to guarantee their quality and provide warranty services," says Frank Schauff, CEO of Association of European Businesses.

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