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Minister of Economic Development of the
Russian Federation

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Deputy Minister

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1. The Russian Ministry of Economic Development (O.V. Tarasenko, M.V. Babich) and the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (G.P. Ivliyev), with the participation of representatives of the Russian Ministry of Health, the Russian Ministry of Industry and Trade, the Federal Service for Health Care Oversight, experts of the Eurasian Economic Union and the working group on health care and pharmaceutical industry development of the Foreign Investment Advisory Council (FIAC) in Russia, should arrange a meeting to discuss issues of the harmonization of Russian and international legislation in respect of the creation of a unified register of active pharmaceutical ingredients of the EAEU, its application for the state registration of pharmaceuticals in the EAEU member states and introduction of a data exclusivity provision to regulations governing the state registration of pharmaceuticals within the EAEU.

Deadline: 1 October 2020.

2. Approve the proposal of R.Yu. Kuzmina (Unilever Russia), the co-coordinator of the FIAC working group on the digital economy and innovative technologies, to change the name of the working group to “Development of a digital, low-carbon and knowledge-based economy”.

3. The Russian Ministry of Economic Development (I.E. Torosov), together with the Russian Ministry of Natural Resources and the Environment and the FIAC working group on the development of a digital, low-carbon and knowledge-based economy, should give additional consideration to the working group’s proposal on regulating GHG emissions and report the results at FIAC’s 34th Session.

Deadline: 19 October 2020.

4. The Russian Ministry of Economic Development (P.V. Kryuchkova) should consider the information of the Russian Ministry of Industry and Trade (V.L. Evtukhov) on the price increase in the dairy industry due to the introduction of mandatory labeling of finished dairy products from January 2021.

5. Recommend that the Russian Ministry of Agriculture resolve the issue of circulation of imported organic products and raw materials in the Russian Federation, including as regards to the establishment of a transitional period of at least 2 years to allow for the organic products' compliance confirmation procedures, and report the results at FIAC's 34th Session.

Deadline: 19 October 2020.

6. Recommend that the Russian Ministry of Agriculture, together with relevant federal executive bodies, the Eurasian Economic Commission and business community, give additional consideration to the issue of the recognition of the global results of organic products' compliance confirmation on a mutual basis in accordance with Russia's international agreements, and report the results at FIAC's 34th Session.

Deadline: 19 October 2020.

7. The Russian Ministry of Economic Development (T.A. Ilyushnikova), together with representatives of the Russian Ministry of Finance, the Russian Federal Tax Service, the Russian Federal Customs Service, the Bank of Russia, the Russian Federal Financial Monitoring Service and FIAC member companies, should establish an interdepartmental working group to discuss tax issues related to investors' activities in the Russian Federation.

Include issues on the improvement of Russian tax and levy legislation in the agenda of the working group, in particular, as regards to:

- Investment tax deductions
- Expanded access to processing procedures in the customs territory in terms of a zero VAT rate application
- Russian credit and financial institutions acting as a tax agent
- Establishment of a reduced corporate property tax rate subject to the cancellation of tax benefits and maintaining a balance between private and public interests
- Cancellation of the corporate property tax subject to an increased rate of corporate income tax paid to the budgets of the subjects of the Russian Federation to compensate for revenue shortfalls.

Deadline: 1 October 2020.

8. The FIAC working group on the improvement of tax and customs law and administration should send to the Russian Ministry of Finance a request for clarification of information on expanded access to processing procedures in the customs territory.

Deadline: 25 September 2020.

9. Recommend that the Russian Ministry of Natural Resources and the Environment, the Russian Ministry of Industry and Trade, the Federal Service for Supervision of Natural Resources and the Russian Ministry of Economic Development (I.E. Torosov) consider the position of FIAC member companies when preparing recommendations on the draft concept on the improvement of the expanded responsibility mechanism for manufacturers and importers of goods and packaging (ERP) within the subgroups of the working group on the ERP mechanism improvement as regards the independent implementation of the ERP and other ERP implementation schemes, and report the results at FIAC's 34th Session.

Deadline: 19 October 2020.

10. Recommend that the Russian Ministry of Natural Resources and the Environment commence drafting regulations establishing waste recycling quotas and environmental fee rates only after the adoption of the ERP mechanism improvement concept.

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