

## CEO of distillery found guilty of tax evasion on grand scale



A court has recognized the evidence gathered by the North Caucasus Federal District Directorate of the Investigative Committee as sufficient to convict Islam Berezgov, CEO of a distillery in Kabardino-Balkaria. He was found guilty of evading corporate taxes under Part 2, item “b” of Article 199 of the RF Criminal Code.

The court and investigators have revealed that the CEO of OOO Rus-Alka distillery, a limited liability company, located in the settlement of Chegem-2, Chegem District, from March to December of 2015 submitted to the tax authorities of Kabardino-Balkaria declarations containing false information on the products produced and sold by his distillery. This way, the distillery avoided paying more than 2.13 billion rubles in tax.

The accused was released on recognizance. The investigators took steps to return to the budget over 1 billion rubles and arrested equipment and produce of the distillery worth over 300 million rubles.

The court has sentenced Berezgov to 3 years in a minimum-security prison and banned him from taking any managerial positions in state service, local authorities or commercial organizations for 2

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years. Considering that the accused pleaded guilty and compensated part of the tax debt worth over 1 billion rubles, the court has changed the prison term to a suspended sentence with 2 years of probation.

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