## In Omsk Region, former director of a commercial organization, accused of tax evasion, to stand trial



The Omsk Regional Investigations Directorate of the Investigative Committee of the Russian Federation finished investigation of a probe into former Director-General of Osha distillery LLC Andrey Averchenko, convicted of committing an offence under Paragraph B of Part 2 of Article 199 of the Criminal Code of Russia (evasion of taxes on organization on an especially large scale).

According to investigative data, in 2014-2016, Averchenko evaded paying taxes by concealing the company's revenue from sales of unrecorded alcoholic products amounting to approximately 53 million litres by putting in tax declarations knowingly false information on sum of taxes payable leading to evasion of value-added tax and excise duty of total value of 1.176 billion roubles. The convict didn't admit his guilt.

Investigation established all buyers of unrecorded products, including those in other regions, carried

out over 30 seizures and searches, interrogated 120 witnesses and arrested the company property - real estate objects, equipment - of total value of 1.2 billion roubles. The criminal case amounted to 255 volumes.

The investigation gathered enough evidence; therefore, the criminal case with the approved indictment was sent to the court to be tried on the merits.

It must be noted that in November 2018, Averchenko had already been sentenced for committing the same offence - evasion of taxes on organization for 2013 for total value of over 312 million roubles - to 3 years of imprisonment in a general regime penal colony with suspension of the right to hold management positions in commercial companies for two years; he had been taken into custody in the courtroom.

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