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## **Evgeny Pekar sentenced under a probe into contraband deliveries of live crab outside the Russian Federation**



The evidence gathered by the Main Investigations Directorate of the Investigative Committee of Russia was found by court to be sufficient to sentence Evgeny Pekar. He was found guilty of committing an offense under Part 5 of Article 33, Part 1 of Article 226.1 of the Criminal Code of Russia (assistance in smuggling of strategic resources).

Investigation and the court established that in 2014, 2015 and 2017 companies Moneron and Kurilsky Universalny Complex, actually owned by major Far East entrepreneur Oleg Kan, exported shipments of live crab to China People's Republic. The goods exported from the Russian Federation were declared to foreign companies, also controlled by Kan, at a significantly reduced price, while in China they were sold at market value. In 2017, Pekar, at the direction of Kahn, directly provided inaccurate information about the value of the goods to the customs authorities of the Russian Federation during organizing of the smuggling supplies and controlled financial transactions from

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foreign buyers.

The accused admitted his guilt to the full and signed an immunity agreement pre-trial.

The court sentenced Pekar to 3 years and 1 month of imprisonment, suspended, with a probation period.

Kan, having fled from the country, was charged with organization of contract killing in 2010 and smuggling. The court arrested him in absentia. Investigative actions continue to be carried out to consolidate evidence of his guilt and to search for him, other accomplices of illegal activities are also being identified.

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