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## **Investigative Committee held enlarged session of board dedicated to investigation of criminal cases over tax crimes**

Today the Russian Investigative Committee has held enlarged session of the board dedicated to investigation of criminal cases over tax crimes and organization of co-operation with tax bodies and Interior Ministry divisions performing investigation and search operations when checking messages on crimes, initiation and investigation of cases in this category. Leadership and employees of the Investigative Committee, representatives of the Interior Ministry and Federal Tax Service attended the meeting.

It was noted at the meeting that the investigative bodies of the Investigative Committee in 2011 initiated 1,776 criminal cases over tax crimes, 856 cases were competed, 545 of them were forwarded to the court. The cases forwarded to the court have total damage of 8.009 billion rubles, in the course of pre-trial investigation the damage of 5.282 billion rubles was compensated, the property worth 191.3 million rubles was arrested.

In the first quarter of 2012, the investigative bodies initiated 370 criminal cases, the number of cases initiated on materials from tax bodies has increased by 5 times (from 42 to 213) if compared with the same period last year. The number of completed cases has increased from 35 to 263, including those sent to the court - from 26 to 164. The sum damage has increased from 231.1 million rubles in the first quarter of 2011 to 2.028 billion rubles in the first quarter of 2012. The sum of compensated damage has also considerably increased (from 43.3 million rubles to 287.9 million rubles), property worth 52.8 million rubles has been arrested (in the first quarter of 2011 – 9.7 million rubles).

Following the results of the session it was decided to take constructive measures to improve cooperation of Investigative Committee with tax bodies and interior affairs bodies in order to solve timely the problems of tax crimes and investigation of such crimes. Namely the board thought it wise to appoint certain investigators and experts to investigate tax crimes.

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