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## **In Saint-Petersburg Chief of Military Topographic directorate of General Staff of RF Armed Forces suspected of illegal transfer of rights to intellectual property of the Russian Federation**

Western Military District Military Investigation Directorate of Russia's Investigative Committee has initiated a criminal case against Chief of Military Topographic directorate of General Staff of RF Armed Forces Rear-Admiral Sergey Kozlov. He is suspected of a crime under paragraph "c" of part 3 of article 286 of RF Criminal Code (exceeding official powers inflicting grave consequences).

According to investigators, in July 2010 Kozlov, being a head of navigation and oceanography department of RF Defense Ministry, gave to head of 280<sup>th</sup> Central Cartographic Enterprise of Defense Ministry Yuri Rozhkov an illegal order to conclude licensing agreements with OOO Chart-Pilot (LC) and ZAO Transzas (CJSC). According to provisions of the contracts, the said organizations received rights to intellectual property of the Russian Federation – nautical sea charts, which gave them the right to distribute electronic nautical charts within the format of International Hydrographic Organization. As a result of illegal use of objects under Russian Federation copyright, the state has suffered a damage of more than 9.5 million rubles.

At present investigation operations are under way to establish all circumstances of the crime. Investigation is to be continued.

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