
Criminal case initiated in Moscow over evasion of customs payments on transfer of Boeing 757-200 across Russian border

Moscow Inter-Regional Transport Investigations Directorate of the Russia's Investigative Committee on the basis of the files of Main Directorate against Smuggling of the Federal Customs Service of Russia has initiated a criminal case against a 32-year-old head of logistics department of OAO Airlines Yakutia (OJSC) Yevgeny Struchkov and several other persons. They are suspected of a crime under paragraphs "a, d" of part 2 of article 194 of the Russian Federation Criminal Code (evasion of customs payments levied on organizations, committed by a group of persons and on especially large scale).

According to investigators, Yevgeny Struchkov together with unknown individuals out of mercenary interest and in a criminal conspiracy, using fake documents with false information on the true value of an aircraft, illegally transferred in 2009 across the customs border of Russia in Vnukovo airport (cargo) expensive passenger airplane Boeing 757-200. The sum of non-paid customs payments following the illegal import of the civil passenger airplane amounted to over 200 million rubles.

An investigation task force are now carrying out searches and other investigation operations in OAO Airlines Yakutia and at homes of the suspects in Yakutsk and Moscow in order to find out all circumstances of the crime.

Investigation is to be continued.

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