
Criminal investigation finished in Bryansk Region against Rostek CEO advisor charged with commercial bribery and money laundering

The Bryansk Region investigating bodies of the Russia's Investigative Committee have finished investigating a criminal case against the advisor to CEO of Rostek Alexander Romanov. He is charged with crimes under paragraph "a" of part 4 of article 204 of the RF Criminal Code (illegal receipt by an organized group of persons discharging managerial functions in a commercial organization, of money for committing actions in the interests of a giver in connection with the official position occupied) and paragraph "b" of part 2 of article 174.1 (financial transactions and other operations with money gained through crimes to make the ownership, use and disposal of the said money look like legitimate committed by a person using their official position and on a large scale).

According to investigators, in the period between spring 2010 and August 2012 there was a whole system of illegal kickbacks from international carriers operating in Sevsk branch of ZAO Rostek-Bryansk (CJSC). During this period under the excuse of speeding up the customs registration the members of the foreign-economic activity had to transfer a total of over 26 million rubles. The average sum of illegally gained money was no less than 900 thousand rubles each month. Boris Ryzhkov, CEO of the branch and his deputy Yuri Madzharov had 100 thousand rubles of the sum and gave the rest to a supervisor of the branch – the advisor to CEO Alexander Romanov. On 8 August 2012, Ryzhkov and Madzharov were held by agents of the Main Office of Economic Security and Corruption Counteraction of the Russian Interior Ministry while receiving another part of their illegal fee. During his membership in the organized criminal group Ryzhkov personally received 1.7 million rubles, Madzharov – 350 thousand rubles. Over 23 million rubles was transferred to Romanov, of which 9.9 million rubles he used in financial transactions connected with building of a temporary storehouse to make the money look like gained from legal sources.

Investigators have gathered enough evidence, hence the indictment against Romanov has been approved and the case will soon be forwarded to court to be tried on the merits. Other accomplices, who have admitted to the crime, provided necessary assistance and made a cooperation agreement with the investigators have already been sentenced. Ryzhkov and Madzharov had suspended sentences of 3 years in prison and a fine of 800 and 300 thousand rubles respectively.

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