

## Law on blocking mirror websites

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Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

We would like to inform you about adoption of the Federal Law No. 156-FZ dated July 1, 2017 "On Amendments to the Federal Law "On Information, Information Technologies and Information Protection" that enters into force from **October 1, 2017** (hereinafter the "**Federal Law**").

### 1 Blacklisting mirror websites

Federal Law determines the notion of a copy of blocked website reproducing illegal content (hereinafter the "**Mirror website**") as well as provides for specific simplified proceedings on restricting access to Mirror website.

According to the Federal Law any website confusingly similar to the website subject to blacklisting under decision of the Moscow city court due to illegal and repeated placement of information violating copyright and related rights (piracy website) will be qualified as a Mirror website.

Should Mirror website be revealed, a right holder or state authorities will be entitled to initiate blocking proceedings by filing the respective request to the Ministry of Telecom and Mass Communications of the Russian Federation (hereinafter the "**Minsvyaz**"), which in its turn will handle all the proceedings provided by the Federal Law for blacklisting the illegal mirror website.

### 2 Removal from the search results

Additionally the Federal Law introduces new obligation of Internet search engines. Since October 2017, they will be responsible for exclusion of any information or links to illegal websites and related domain names from their search results upon the competent authority request. This rule will be equally applicable to both initial websites and Mirror websites.

The Federal Law is development of so called antipiracy legislation and is designed to fight against copies of the blacklisted resources becoming effective tool for enforcing copyright and related rights and enabling right holders to restrict access to Mirror websites at lower cost.

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Hope that the information provided herein would be useful for you. If any of your colleagues would also like to receive our newsletters, please let us know by sending us his/her email address in response to this message. If you would like to learn more about our Intellectual property practice, please let us know about it in reply to this email. We will be glad to provide you with our materials.

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Kind regards,

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