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Russia Tightens Procurement Rules for Foreign Equipment

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As of September 30, Russian state authorities now reject tender submissions for supply of certain foreign electronic equipment if there are two concurrent submissions for supply of locally produced equipment. The ban applies to 113 types of equipment, including personal computers, printers, memory cards, mobile and landline phones, TV sets, cameras, microphones, and cash and ATM machines.

Electronic equipment may qualify as local if it is produced under a special investment contract between an investor and federal or regional government or if it is fully manufactured or significantly reprocessed in Russia. Some additional localization criteria specific for certain equipment also applies.

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