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Criminal liability of legal entities



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The President of Ukraine signed the Law introducing criminal liability of legal entities

On 1 September 2014, the Law introducing criminal liability of legal entities* will come into force.

According to this Law, legal entities will be liable for the commitment, by their officials (persons who act on behalf of legal entities), of a range of crimes, in particular: legalisation (laundering) of profits derived from crime, bribing officials of other legal entities or persons who provide public services, crimes related to violation of antimonopoly legislation.

If a legal entity is found guilty of committing any of the mentioned crimes a penalty between UAH 85,000 and UAH 1,275,000 could be imposed. In worst case scenario the company may be liquidated.

We expect for the special regulations provided by relevant governmental bodies.

* Law "On introduction of amendments to certain legislative acts of Ukraine on implementation of Action plan related to liberalisation of EU visa regime for Ukraine regarding liability of legal entities" No.314-VII