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Unfair competition in the practice of FAS Russia and courts: 9.5 million roubles to be paid for an infringement of Heineken's trademark

On 1 March 2018, the Commission of the Federal Antimonopoly Service of the Russian Federation Office for St. Petersburg issued an order in respect to Afanasy Private Brewery LLC to stop violation of Article 14.6.1 of Federal Law No. 135-FZ, dated 26 July 2006 'On Competition Protection', in particular, the illegal use of the designation 'OXOTA HAШEГO' being confusingly similar to the trademark 'OXOTA' the right holder of which is Heineken Russian subsidiary.

This order is noteworthy because Afanasy Private Brewery LLC is also obliged to pay to the federal budget within three months all the income received from all the sales of its products marked by the said designation, in the amount of 9,437,988 roubles.

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