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Russian Railways Sues Apple

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Russian Railways is seeking two million rubles ($66,000) in damages from Apple for breach of copyright.

Russian Railways registered the suit with the The Moscow Arbitration court Monday, but a date for a hearing has not yet been set, Vedomosti reported Tuesday.

Russian Railways, the state-owned monopoly that controls most of the nations track and rolling stock, said in a statement that Apple violated its exclusive rights to use a trademark.

At issue is an iPhone app available via Apple's App Store called RZhD Tariff.

The app, which tells users how much Russian Railways will charge for moving various shipments from one destination to another, uses the company's distinctive red logo as part of its icon.

Proving Apple's liability for design of the applications, which are often written by independent developers, could be tricky.

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