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Defense Contracts Official Fired Over 'Fraudulent Income Declaration'

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Dombrovsky, who oversaw the proceurement of logistics equipment for law enforcement agencies, was fired after only 7 months.

The deputy head of a federal service that monitors procurement by the Defense Ministry has been fired for cheating on his income declaration, a news report said Wednesday.

Alexander Dombrovsky — deputy head of the Federal Service for Defense Contracts, or Rosoboronzakaz — had reported an income of 1.5 million rubles ($46,000), but inspectors have found undeclared assets in several bank accounts in his name, "the origin of which cannot be explained," an unidentified Kremlin official told Kommersant.

"For an employee of a regulatory agency, this is simply nonsense," the official said.

Dombrovsky submitted his resignation on Tuesday, after less than seven months in the job. Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev approved the resignation immediately.

The investigation into Dombrovsky's finances was supervised by President Vladimir Putin's chief of staff Sergei Ivanov and presidential aide Yevgeny Shkolov, the Kremlin's point man for anti-corruption audits and inspections of state officials' income declarations, the official said.

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov refused to comment on the reasons for Dombrovsky's sacking.

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