

# Regulator Pushes for Stiff Fines for Personal Information Disclosure

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The fine for violating the law on protecting personal information may soon jump 70-fold to reach 700,000 rubles (\$21,750), head of the Federal Mass Media Inspection Service Alexander Zharov said Wednesday.

Speaking at an international conference on the protection of personal information in Moscow, Zharov said the legal amendments proposed by his agency would bring Russian sanctions into line with fines levied for similar offenses in European countries, and hoped that the measure would be approved by legislators, Interfax reported.

Currently, the maximum fine for violations related to the collection, storage and distribution of personal information is 10,000 rubles.

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