

McDonald's Appeals Labor Violation Fine

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Fast-food giant McDonald's has lodged an appeal with Russia's highest commercial court against a fine imposed for employing an illegal immigrant.

The company was fined 300,000 rubles (\$9,100) by the Federal Migration Service after one of its restaurants hired a woman from Kyrgyzstan who did not have a work permit.

The chain is taking its case to Russia's Supreme Arbitration Court after an initial appeal was rejected by the Moscow Arbitration Court in April.

The Moscow court rejected McDonald's defense that the woman had claimed in documents to be a Russian citizen, saying the material had been added to company files after she was detained. Two lower courts had already upheld the judgment against the company.

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