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Russian Railways To Sell Cheaper, Non-Refundable Train Tickets

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Russian Railways will begin selling non-refundable train tickets at marked down prices after a government commission approved the introduction of a new tariff scheme aimed at increasing the number of passengers, a statement on the government's website said Wednesday.

The decision could see non-refundable tickets sold with a 30 percent discount on current prices, Lenta.ru reported.

The introduction of non-refundable tickets will "primarily benefit passengers that plan their trips in advance, since the non-refundable ticket is always cheaper than usual," the Government Commission on Legislative Activities, which approved the decision, said in the statement.

The bill stipulates that non-refundable tickets can be refunded in the case of illness or

accident, but that the passenger would need to provide Russian Railways with official documentation to prove it. Russian Railways has agreed to compensate passengers for cancellations, delays, and mess-ups in the booking system resulting in passengers not receiving the seat they paid for, the statement said.

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