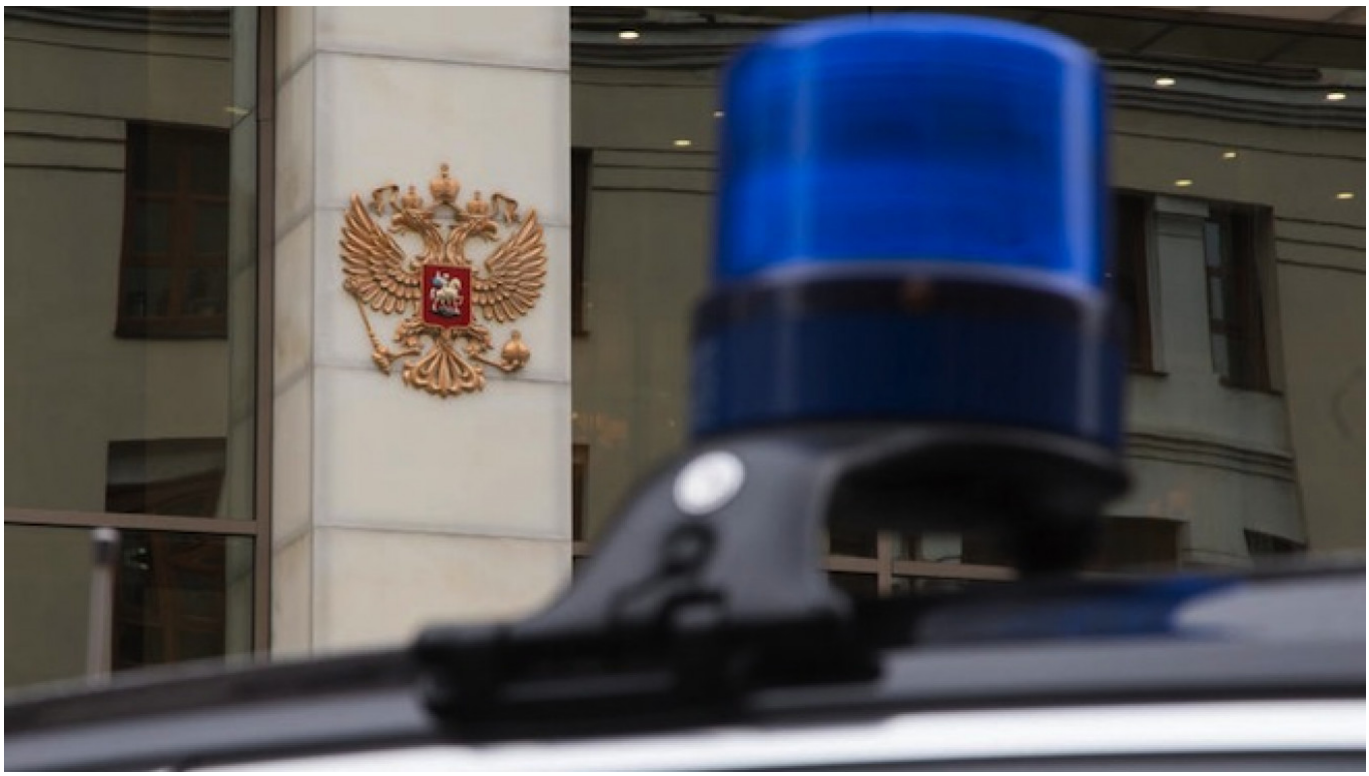
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Putin's decree, published Wednesday on the government's legal information portal, raises the number of exclusive vehicles with special signalization from 83 to 85, accounting for every region in Russia, including Crimea and Sevastopol.

The decree also raises the number of "migalki" available to the Russian government from 30 to 32, likely to accommodate the heads of the two newly formed Ministries of Crimean and North Caucasus Affairs.

In 2012, Putin decreed restrictions on the use of "migalki," which officials were blamed of misusing to speed through traffic and disregard road regulations.

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