

New Russian Sanctions Against Turkey to Affect Hospitality Business

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Russia is set to expand sanctions against Turkey, prohibiting joint projects in the hospitality industry, woodworking and pilot training, the Kommersant newspaper reported Wednesday, citing a copy of a draft decree, prepared by the Ministry for Economic Development.

The new measures also ban Turkish citizens from participating in state purchases, according to the document drawn up at the order of Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev, according to Kommersant.

The restrictions will affect only new contracts and won't apply to agreements made before Dec. 10, the newspaper reported, citing an unidentified official close to the matter.

Russian-Turkish ties have worsened considerably after Turkey shot down a Russian fighter jet near the Syrian border on Nov. 24.

Russia responded to the incident with the introduction of a package of sanctions against the

country. The restrictions include the ban on charter flights to Turkey from Dec.1 and suspension of visa-free regime with Turkey from Jan.1, 2016.

In addition, Russia prohibited the imports of many Turkish food products including fruits, vegetables, poultry and salt and imposed a ban on hiring Turkish nationals.

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