

Russian Taxi Drivers Complain Over Uber's Monopolizing Pricing

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On behalf of taxi drivers, the Federation of Russian Car Owners (FAR) has filed a complaint with Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev over the low prices dictated by taxi service aggregators, the RBC news agency reported Tuesday.

The complaint by FAR said that the Federal Anti-Monopoly Service (FAS) had refused to initiate legal action against Uber, Yandex.Taxi and Gett, taxi services that FAR accuses of driving down prices and monopolizing the market.

Such pricing tactics requires other market participants to adopt unprofitable pricing, RBC reported.

In July 2015, FAR asked the Prosecutor General's Office and FAS to verify that taxi service aggregators were acting in accordance to Russia's tax laws.

In March, Uber Technologies pledged to only hire Moscow drivers with commercial taxi

licenses, and to share aggregated data on travel routes with city authorities.

The agreement came after Moscow's transportation department threatened in early February to ban global taxi service Uber from the city, unless the company agreed to their terms. Similar agreements had earlier been signed with taxi services Gett and Yandex.Taxi.

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