

Putin Signs Law Banning Officials From Using Foreign Words

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Russian President Vladimir Putin has [signed](#) legislation that bans government officials from using foreign words in official documents and correspondence as well as while carrying out their duties.

"When using Russian as the state language of the Russian Federation, it is not allowed to use words and expressions that do not correspond to the norms of modern literary Russian language," the law published Tuesday [said](#).

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The exception, according to the law, is the use of "foreign words which do not have widely used corresponding equivalents in Russian."

A list of foreign words that can be used will be compiled by a government commission and will

be published separately, the *Kommersant* business daily [reported](#).

A number of Russian political figures [vowed](#) to protect the Russian language from Western influence [due to](#) what they called “Russophobia” and “attacks on everything connected with Russia.”

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