



In March 2022, Russia [seized](#) \$10 billion worth of aircraft leased from Western companies.

Nerakdo said in February 2023 that Western-origin aircraft would be able to continue flying safely until 2030 if properly maintained, according to the RBC news website.

Since being banned from flying in EU airspace, Russian airlines only fly to a restricting list of so-called “friendly” countries, otherwise they risk their aircraft being impounded.

Neradko had been head of Rosaviatsia since 2009. Before that, he occupied roles in the Transport Ministry.

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