

# Russian Government Sues Domodedovo Airport Following Privatization Probe

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Moscow's Domodedovo Airport. **Sergei Petrov / news.ru / TASS**

Russian law enforcement authorities [filed](#) a lawsuit against Moscow's Domodedovo Airport and its co-owners following a preliminary probe into the airport's privatization in the early 1990s, the *Kommersant* business daily reported Wednesday, citing anonymous sources familiar with the matter.

The details of the arbitration case have not been disclosed, but *Kommersant* noted that privatization investigations often lead to asset seizures and re-nationalization lawsuits.

The Prosecutor General's Office reportedly reviewed Domodedovo's privatization documents before filing the lawsuit with the Moscow Court of Arbitration. The lawsuit [names](#) 30 operating companies alongside Domodedovo Airport's co-owners, Dmitry Kamenshchik and Valery Kogan, as defendants.

According to *Kommersant*, prosecutors notified the defendants about the lawsuit by mail but have not disclosed the findings of their privatization probe.

Domodedovo's press service [stated](#) that the airport "strictly adheres to current legislation" and said it needed time to review the case.

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A highly profitable, privately owned airport with undisclosed ownership details, Domodedovo has [faced](#) repeated investigations from Russian law enforcement officials over the years.

The lawsuit against the airport follows an October [ruling](#) by Russia's Constitutional Court that lifted statutes of limitations on state asset seizures in anti-corruption cases. However, the court specified at the time that the ruling applies only to anti-corruption legislation and does not extend to cases of "unlawful privatization" from Russia's turbulent 1990s.

Since launching its full-scale invasion of Ukraine in 2022, Russia has nationalized an estimated 1 trillion rubles (\$10.8 billion) worth of what authorities described as strategic assets.

Moscow's three other international airports — Sheremetyevo, Vnukovo and Zhukovsky — are all state-run.

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