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Google fined for repeated non-deletion of prohibited information

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On July 18, the magistrate court of the Tagansky district of Moscow considered the administrative protocol of Roskomnadzor against the American IT corporation Google LLC for violating the procedure for restricting access to information recognized as prohibited.

In particular, Google-owned video hosting YouTube has not restricted access to a number of materials containing prohibited content within the established period:

- fakes about the course of a special military operation in Ukraine, discrediting the Armed Forces of the Russian Federation;
- Materials promoting extremism and terrorism;
- materials promoting an indifferent attitude to the life and health of minors;
- information with calls, including to minors, to participate in unauthorized mass actions.

For repeated failure to remove prohibited materials, the court imposed a fine of 21,077,392,317.8 rubles on Google, calculated on the basis of the company's annual Russian turnover.

Google and its information resources are regularly brought to administrative responsibility for violations of Russian legislation in terms of non-deletion of prohibited information. The total amount of Google fines for such offenses exceeds 7.2 billion rubles. Of these, 68 million rubles under Part 2 and Part 4 of Article 13.41 of the Administrative Code of the Russian Federation and a negotiable fine of 7.22 billion rubles for a repeated offense (a fine was collected from the company).

In addition, for systematic violations of Russian law, Google is subject to a number of coercive measures: informing Internet users about the violation of Russian legislation by a foreign company and banning the distribution of advertising of the corporation and its information resources as an object of advertising.

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