

RUSSIA'S NEW LAW ENCOURAGES IMPLEMENTATION OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI) TECHNOLOGIES IN MOSCOW

Russia has adopted a new law (the "**AI Law**") establishing a special legal framework for the development and adoption of AI technologies in Moscow for the period from 1 July 2020 to 1 July 2025 (the "**AI Framework**").

The AI Law defines AI as "*a set of technological solutions that allow imitating a human's cognitive function (including self-learning and decision-making with no predefined algorithm) and ... producing results at least comparable with results of a human's intellectual activity*". AI technologies to which the AI Law applies include computer vision, natural language processing, speech recognition and synthesis, smart decision-making and other emerging AI methods.

The AI Framework will apply to legal entities and entrepreneurs registered in Moscow and included in a special public register maintained by Moscow authorities ("**Participants**"). Moscow authorities have also been authorised by the AI Law to introduce detailed regulations on the development, adoption and sale of AI technologies and AI-based products and services by Participants. Such regulations are yet to be adopted.

The AI Law sets out certain rules for the processing of anonymised personal data ("**APD**") by Participants. In particular, Participants will need to enter into an APD processing agreement with Moscow authorities, will not be authorised to transfer APD to non-Participants, and will have to destroy APD if they cease to be Participants. At the same time, the AI Law allows Participants to process APD (including health-related APD) without the prior approval of a personal data subject.

It is expected that, following the five-year trial period in Moscow, the AI Law will serve as a basis for the future country-wide regulation of AI technologies in Russia.

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