

SMUGGLING



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SMUGGLING is the transportation of goods or other items, committed with violation of the customs legislation through the customs border of the Russian Federation.



Smuggling is widespread offence in the sphere of economy. That is why, now for the committing of a «**commodity**» **smuggling**, i.e. illegal movement across the customs border of the Russian Federation of goods or other items (earlier - part 1 of article 188 of the Criminal Code) provides only administrative responsibility (Chapter 16 of the Code of administrative offences).

Now the Criminal Code use the word «contraband» 5 times.

According to the latest changes of the Code about smuggling, which had happened in July, 2013 committing of the following actions is equal as smuggling:



ARTICLE 189 OF THE CRIMINAL CODE OF THE RF



Illegal export from the RF or transfer of raw materials, equipment, technologies, scientific and technical information, illegal performance of works (rendering of services) which can be used for creation of weapons of mass destruction, weapons and military equipment.



ARTICLE 200.1 OF THE CRIMINAL CODE OF THE RF



Smuggling of cash and (or) financial instruments

ARTICLE 190 OF THE CRIMINAL CODE OF THE RF

Non-return to the territory of the Russian Federation cultural values.



ARTICLE 226.1 OF THE CRIMINAL CODE OF THE RF

The Smuggling of:

- ✓ virulent poisonous,
- ✓ toxic,
- ✓ Explosive, radioactive substances,
- ✓ radiation sources,
- ✓ nuclear materials,
- ✓ firearms or its main components,
- ✓ explosive devices,
- ✓ ammunition,
- ✓ weapons of mass destruction,
- ✓ means of their delivery,
- ✓ other weapons,
- ✓ other military equipment as well as materials and equipment which can be used for creation of weapons of mass destruction,
- ✓ means of their delivery,
- ✓ other weapons,
- ✓ other military equipment, as well as strategically important goods and resources or cultural values or valuable wildlife and water biological resources.



ARTICLE 229.1 OF THE CRIMINAL CODE OF THE RF

Smuggling of:

- ✓ drugs,
- ✓ psychotropic substances,
- ✓ their precursors,
- ✓ analogues of plants containing narcotic substances, psychotropic substances or precursors or of their parts which contain drugs, psychotropic substances,
- ✓ precursors, instruments or equipment, which are under the special control and used for the manufacturing of drugs or psychotropic substances.





The PUNISHMENT for actions equal as smuggling varies: it can be a fine, corrective labour, restriction of liberty and imprisonment. The choice of sanction of course, depends on the gravity of the crime.



Two residents of the Zabaikalsky region were detained in May, 2013 in Manchuria by staff of the General administration of customs of PRC. According to the Chinese law, they'll be sentenced to life imprisonment for attempting to import to Russia smuggling - **213 bear's paws**.



According to customs officials, they have never encountered such a large consignment of contraband paws in China earlier, especially in May, when it's difficult to save it fresh, because of the warm weather.

Chinese newspaper Global Times wrote about this accident. So, the cost of the paw of the bear in Russia may reach up to 2000 rubles per 1 kg. But in China price reaches 5,000 yuan (more than \$ 800) on the black market. Killing bear and sale of it of any of its parts is prohibited by Chinese law about protection of wild animals.



The MFA representative in Chita Alexey Kotelnikov told that « Russian officials cannot affect on the investigation, because it's the exclusive right of the Chinese authorities». He reminded that 5 years ago in China for a similar offence, two Russians were sentenced to life imprisonment.



**Thanks for
attention!**

