

# Paid Vacations Convention

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On 1 July 2010, the President signed Federal Law № 139-FZ on the ratification of Paid Vacations Convention No. 132 (the “**Convention**”). The Law entered into force on 16 July 2010. The Convention was approved at the 54th session of the General Conference of the International Labor Organization in Geneva on 24 June 1970 and took effect on 30 June 1973. The text of the Convention is enclosed to this overview.

Russian law, including the Russian Labor Code, fully implements the provisions and requirements of the Convention (including those with respect to the minimum duration of paid annual vacation and the minimum period of employment providing the employee with a right for a paid annual vacation).

However, the Russian Labor Code provisions on vacation transfers and on substitute of unused vacation with compensation contradict the Convention to a certain extent. When of the Convention for Russia is enforced, its provisions will prevail. In particular, according to the Convention:

- the continuous part of the annual paid vacation (i.e., 14 calendar days) should be provided and used within one year (the Russian Labor Code provides for a possibility to transfer the whole vacation to the following year subject to employee's consent if the provision of vacation during the current year may negatively affect the normal course of operations of the company);
- the remaining part of the annual paid vacation must be used no later than within 18 months from the end of the year for which the vacation is provided (according to the Russian Labor Code, the transferred part of vacation must be used no later than within 12 months from the end of the working year for which the vacation is provided); and
- agreements on refusing the right to use the minimum annual paid vacation or on not using the vacation by substituting it with a compensation are considered invalid and are prohibited (the Russian Labor Code provides for a possibility of substituting a part of the vacation by monetary compensation under a written application of the employee).

Pursuant to Article 18 of the Convention, it shall take effect for Russia 12 months after the date of registration of the ratification documents by the International labor Office Director General for Registrations.

**Convention No. 132  
concerning Annual Holidays with Pay (Revised), 1970**

The General Conference of the International Labour Organisation,

Having been convened at Geneva by the Governing Body of the International Labour Office, and having met in its Fifty-fourth Session on 3 June 1970, and

Having decided upon the adoption of certain proposals with regard to holidays with pay, which is the fourth item on the agenda of the session, and

Having determined that these proposals shall take the form of an international Convention,

adopts this twenty-fourth day of June of the year one thousand nine hundred and seventy the following Convention, which may be cited as the Holidays with Pay Convention (Revised), 1970:

Article 1

The provisions of this Convention, in so far as they are not otherwise made effective by means of collective agreements, arbitration awards, court decisions, statutory wage fixing machinery, or in such other manner consistent with national practice as may be appropriate under national conditions, shall be given effect by national laws or regulations.

Article 2

1. This Convention applies to all employed persons, with the exception of seafarers.

2. In so far as necessary, measures may be taken by the competent authority or through the appropriate machinery in a country, after consultation with the organisations of employers and workers concerned, where such exist, to exclude from the application of this Convention limited categories of employed persons in respect of whose employment special problems of a substantial nature, relating to enforcement or to legislative or constitutional matters, arise.

3. Each Member which ratifies this Convention shall list in the first report on the application of the Convention submitted under Article 22 of the Constitution of the International Labour Organisation any categories which may have been excluded in pursuance of paragraph 2 of this Article, giving the reasons for such exclusion, and shall state in subsequent reports the position of its law and practice in respect of the categories excluded, and the extent to which effect has been given or is proposed to be given to the Convention in respect of such categories.

Article 3

1. Every person to whom this Convention applies shall be entitled to an annual paid holiday of a specified minimum length.

2. Each Member which ratifies this Convention shall specify the length of the holiday in a declaration appended to its ratification.

3. The holiday shall in no case be less than three working weeks for one year of service.

4. Each Member which has ratified this Convention may subsequently notify the Director-General of the International Labour Office, by a further declaration, that it specifies a holiday longer than that specified at the time of ratification.

Article 4

1. A person whose length of service in any year is less than that required for the full entitlement prescribed in the preceding Article shall be entitled in respect of that year to a holiday with pay proportionate to his length of service during that year.

2. The expression year in paragraph 1 of this Article shall mean the calendar year or any other period of the same length determined by the competent authority or through the appropriate machinery in the country concerned.

#### Article 5

1. A minimum period of service may be required for entitlement to any annual holiday with pay.
2. The length of any such qualifying period shall be determined by the competent authority or through the appropriate machinery in the country concerned but shall not exceed six months.
3. The manner in which length of service is calculated for the purpose of holiday entitlement shall be determined by the competent authority or through the appropriate machinery in each country.
4. Under conditions to be determined by the competent authority or through the appropriate machinery in each country, absence from work for such reasons beyond the control of the employed person concerned as illness, injury or maternity shall be counted as part of the period of service.

#### Article 6

1. Public and customary holidays, whether or not they fall during the annual holiday, shall not be counted as part of the minimum annual holiday with pay prescribed in Article 3, paragraph 3, of this Convention.
2. Under conditions to be determined by the competent authority or through the appropriate machinery in each country, periods of incapacity for work resulting from sickness or injury may not be counted as part of the minimum annual holiday with pay prescribed in Article 3, paragraph 3, of this Convention.

#### Article 7

1. Every person taking the holiday envisaged in this Convention shall receive in respect of the full period of that holiday at least his normal or average remuneration (including the cash equivalent of any part of that remuneration which is paid in kind and which is not a permanent benefit continuing whether or not the person concerned is on holiday), calculated in a manner to be determined by the competent authority or through the appropriate machinery in each country.
2. The amounts due in pursuance of paragraph 1 of this Article shall be paid to the person concerned in advance of the holiday, unless otherwise provided in an agreement applicable to him and the employer.

#### Article 8

1. The division of the annual holiday with pay into parts may be authorised by the competent authority or through the appropriate machinery in each country.
2. Unless otherwise provided in an agreement applicable to the employer and the employed person concerned, and on condition that the length of service of the person concerned entitles him to such a period, one of the parts shall consist of at least two uninterrupted working weeks.

#### Article 9

1. The uninterrupted part of the annual holiday with pay referred to in Article 8, paragraph 2, of this Convention shall be granted and taken no later than one year, and the remainder of the annual holiday with pay no later than eighteen months, from the end of the year in respect of which the holiday entitlement has arisen.
2. Any part of the annual holiday which exceeds a stated minimum may be postponed, with the consent of the employed person concerned, beyond the period specified in paragraph 1 of this Article and up to a further specified time limit.
3. The minimum and the time limit referred to in paragraph 2 of this Article shall be determined by the competent authority after consultation with the organisations of employers and workers concerned, or through collective bargaining, or in such other manner consistent with national practice as may be appropriate under national conditions.

#### Article 10

1. The time at which the holiday is to be taken shall, unless it is fixed by regulation, collective agreement, arbitration award or other means consistent with national practice, be determined by the employer after consultation with the employed person concerned or his representatives.

2. In fixing the time at which the holiday is to be taken, work requirements and the opportunities for rest and relaxation available to the employed person shall be taken into account.

#### Article 11

An employed person who has completed a minimum period of service corresponding to that which may be required under Article 5, paragraph 1, of this Convention shall receive, upon termination of employment, a holiday with pay proportionate to the length of service for which he has not received such a holiday, or compensation in lieu thereof, or the equivalent holiday credit.

#### Article 12

Agreements to relinquish the right to the minimum annual holiday with pay prescribed in Article 3, paragraph 3, of this Convention or to forgo such a holiday, for compensation or otherwise, shall, as appropriate to national conditions, be null and void or be prohibited.

#### Article 13

Special rules may be laid down by the competent authority or through the appropriate machinery in each country in respect of cases in which the employed person engages, during the holiday, in a gainful activity conflicting with the purpose of the holiday.

#### Article 14

Effective measures appropriate to the manner in which effect is given to the provisions of this Convention shall be taken to ensure the proper application and enforcement of regulations or provisions concerning holidays with pay, by means of adequate inspection or otherwise.

#### Article 15

1. Each Member may accept the obligations of this Convention separately--

(a) in respect of employed persons in economic sectors other than agriculture; (b) in respect of employed persons in agriculture.

2. Each Member shall specify in its ratification whether it accepts the obligations of the Convention in respect of the persons covered by subparagraph (a) of paragraph 1 of this Article, in respect of the persons covered by subparagraph (b) of paragraph 1 of this Article, or in respect of both.

3. Each Member which has on ratification accepted the obligations of this Convention only in respect either of the persons covered by subparagraph (a) of paragraph 1 of this Article or of the persons covered by subparagraph (b) of paragraph 1 of this Article may subsequently notify the Director-General of the International Labour Office that it accepts the obligations of the Convention in respect of all persons to whom this Convention applies.

#### Article 16

This Convention revises the Holidays with Pay Convention, 1936, and the Holidays with Pay (Agriculture) Convention, 1952, on the following terms:

(a) acceptance of the obligations of this Convention in respect of employed persons in economic sectors other than agriculture by a Member which is a party to the Holidays with Pay Convention, 1936, shall ipso jure involve the immediate denunciation of that Convention;

(b) acceptance of the obligations of this Convention in respect of employed persons in agriculture by a Member which is a party to the Holidays with Pay (Agriculture) Convention, 1952, shall ipso jure involve the immediate denunciation of that Convention;

(c) the coming into force of this Convention shall not close the Holidays with Pay (Agriculture) Convention, 1952, to further ratification.

#### Article 17

The formal ratifications of this Convention shall be communicated to the Director-General of the International Labour Office for registration.

#### Article 18

1. This Convention shall be binding only upon those Members of the International Labour Organisation whose ratifications have been registered with the Director-General.

2. It shall come into force twelve months after the date on which the ratifications of two Members have been registered with the Director-General.

3. Thereafter, this Convention shall come into force for any Member twelve months after the date on which its ratifications has been registered.

#### Article 19

1. A Member which has ratified this Convention may denounce it after the expiration of ten years from the date on which the Convention first comes into force, by an act communicated to the Director-General of the International Labour Office for registration. Such denunciation shall not take effect until one year after the date on which it is registered.

2. Each Member which has ratified this Convention and which does not, within the year following the expiration of the period of ten years mentioned in the preceding paragraph, exercise the right of denunciation provided for in this Article, will be bound for another period of ten years and, thereafter, may denounce this Convention at the expiration of each period of ten years under the terms provided for in this Article.

#### Article 20

1. The Director-General of the International Labour Office shall notify all Members of the International Labour Organisation of the registration of all ratifications and denunciations communicated to him by the Members of the Organisation.

2. When notifying the Members of the Organisation of the registration of the second ratification communicated to him, the Director-General shall draw the attention of the Members of the Organisation to the date upon which the Convention will come into force.

#### Article 21

The Director-General of the International Labour Office shall communicate to the Secretary-General of the United Nations for registration in accordance with Article 102 of the Charter of the United Nations full particulars of all ratifications and acts of denunciation registered by him in accordance with the provisions of the preceding Articles.

#### Article 22

At such times as it may consider necessary the Governing Body of the International Labour Office shall present to the General Conference a report on the working of this Convention and shall examine the desirability of placing on the agenda of the Conference the question of its revision in whole or in part.

#### Article 23

1. Should the Conference adopt a new Convention revising this Convention in whole or in part, then, unless the new Convention otherwise provides:

a) the ratification by a Member of the new revising Convention shall ipso jure involve the immediate denunciation of this Convention, notwithstanding the provisions of Article 19 above, if and when the new revising Convention shall have come into force;

b) as from the date when the new revising Convention comes into force this Convention shall cease to be open to ratification by the Members.

2. This Convention shall in any case remain in force in its actual form and content for those Members which have ratified it but have not ratified the revising Convention.

Article 24

The English and French versions of the text of this Convention are equally authoritative.

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