

**LAW OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION NO. 5663-1 OF AUGUST 20, 1993 ON SPACE ACTIVITIES  
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This law is directed at ensuring the legal regulation of space activities for the purpose of developing the economy, science and technology, strengthening the defense and the security of the Russian Federation and furthering the international cooperation of the Russian Federation.

In the Russian Federation the exploration and use of outer space, including the moon and other celestial bodies is the highest priority of the state interests.

**Section I. General Provisions**

**Article 1. Legal Regulation of Relationships in the Field of Space Activity**

Relationships in the field of space activities are regulated in accordance with the Constitution of the Russian Federation, generally recognized principles and norms of international law and international agreements of the Russian Federation, by this law and other federal laws and normative legal acts of the Russian Federation.

**Article 2. The Meaning of Space Activity**

1. For the purposes of this law by space activity it is understood to mean any activity connected with direct conducting of work of exploration and use of outer space including the Moon and other celestial bodies.

Fundamental types of space activities include:

- scientific space exploration;
- the use of space technology for communications, television and broadcasting;
- distance sounding of the earth from space including ecological monitoring and meteorology;
- use of satellite navigational and geodetic systems;
- piloted space flights;
- use of space equipment, space materials and space technology in the interests of defense and security of the Russian Federation;
- observation of objects and phenomena in space;
- testing of equipment in space;
- production in space of materials and other articles;
- other types of activities being implemented with the help of space technology;

2. Space activities include the creation (including development, production and testing), the use (exploitation) of space equipment, space materials and space technology and the rendering of other services connected with space activities as well as other international collaborations of the Russian Federation in the field of the exploration and use of space.

**Article 3. Goals of Space Activity**

The goals of space activity include:

- helping the economic development of the state, increasing the well-being of the population of the Russian Federation by means of rational and effective use of space equipment, space materials and space technology as well as the expansion of the scope of their use;
- strengthening and developing the scientific-technical and intellectual potential of space industry and its infrastructure;
- further improving and gathering of scientific knowledge of the earth, space and celestial bodies;
- development and expansion of international cooperation of the Russian Federation in the interests of further integration of the Russian Federation into the system of world economic relations and ensuring international security;

**Article 4. Principles of Space Activity**

1. Space activity shall be implemented in accordance with the following principles:

- assistance in the promotion of peace and international security by means of the use of the achievements of space science and technology;
- expansion of the attraction of non-budgetary funds to space activities while retaining state control over their use and guaranteeing the observation of the state interests of the Russian Federation;
- ensuring the safety of space activity and protecting the environment;
- equitable and mutually beneficial cooperation of the Russian Federation in the field of space;
- international responsibility of the Russian Federation for implementing space activities;
- equal and mutually beneficial international cooperation of the Russian Federation in the field of space;

rational creation and balanced development of space equipment and technology, applicable to scientific, socioeconomic goals, in the interests of defense and security of the Russian Federation (hereinafter - dual purpose space technology.)

Space activity forbidden by international agreements of the Russian Federation are not permissible.

2. Space activity, as well as the dissemination of information on space activities shall be implemented with the observation of the requirements, as established by law, for the protection of state secrets, military and commercial secrets as well as the results of intellectual activities and exclusive rights to them.

## **Section II. Organization of Space Activity**

### **Article 5. Supervision of Space Activity**

1. Space Activity shall be under the authority of the Russian Federation

2. The general management of space activity shall be implemented by the President of the Russian Federation.

The President of the Russian Federation:

shall examine and adopt fundamental provisions of state policy in the field of space activity;

shall designate especially important space

projects and programs as having presidential status;

shall decide the most important state policies in the field of space activities.

3. The Government of the Russian Federation shall:

carry out the state policy in the field of space activity in the interests of science, technology, various fields of economics and international cooperation of the Russian Federation;

coordinate the activity of federal organs of the executive power and organizations participating in the implementation of cosmic activities;

ensure the functioning and development of the field of space rocketry and the space infrastructure;

examine and adopt a Federal Space Program, long term space programs of the Russian Federation, the state contract for the development, production and supply of space equipment and facilities of the space infrastructure and the state defense contract for the development, production and delivery of space weapons and military equipment;

introduce in the established manner proposals for the financing of the Federal Space Program;

provide favorable terms for the development of worthwhile space equipment and space technology and implement a policy of state support of the field of space rocketry;

coordinate issues of international cooperation of the Russian Federation in the field of cosmic activities and implement control over the development and realization of international space projects of the Russian Federation;

confirm within the limits of its competency the normative legal acts regulating the procedure of development, creation, testing and use (exploitation) of space technology;

appoint a state commission for the testing of space technology;

### **Article 6. Competency of the Federal Body of the Executive Power for Space Activity**

The federal body of the executive power for space activities shall implement the supervision of space activities in the interests of science, technology and other fields of economics as well as organize work for the creation of space technology of scientific and socioeconomic significance and together with the federal organ of the executive power for defense - space technology of dual purposes within the framework of the Federal Space Program and other federal programmes in the area of space activities.

In pursuit of these goals the said organ shall:

ensure the realization of state policy in the field of space activities together with the federal organ of the executive power for defense and other interested federal organs of the executive power and organizations participating in the creation and use of space technology;

develop the draft Federal Space Programme and other draft federal programmes in the area of space activities;

implement the assignment of the state contract for development, production and supply of space technology and facilities of the space infrastructure for scientific and socioeconomic purposes including for work of the international space project of the Russian Federation;

organize in the established manner the use (exploitation) space technology for the purpose of realizing the Federal Space Program and other federal programmes in the area of space activities.

together with the federal organs of the executive power for defense implement the assignment of the space contract for the development, production and delivery of dual purpose space technology and facilities of the space infrastructure;

organize systems trials for the study of fundamental directions of the development of space technology of scientific and socioeconomic significance as well as together with federal organ of the executive power for defense - dual purpose space technology;

ensure together with other interested federal organs of the executive power the execution of research and development for the creation of space technology of scientific and socioeconomic significance, purchase of commercial space technology and together with the federal organ of the executive power for defense to ensure its use (exploitation);

organize and coordinate the work of commercial space projects and assists in their implementations;

provide together with the federal organ of the executive power for defense and with other interested federal organs of the executive power the development of space infrastructure;

organize and implement together with other interested federal organs of the executive power state flying tests of space technology for scientific and socioeconomic purpose;

organize certification of space technology of scientific and socioeconomic significance;

cooperate with organizations of other states as well as with international organizations on issues of space activity, and conclude in the establish manner relevant international agreements;

finance within the limits set by the budget funds for realizing the Federal Space Program;

In the instances provided for by the international treaties made by the Russian Federation the federal executive body in charge of space activities may set up in the established procedure its representative offices abroad.

#### **Article 7. Competency in the Field of Space Activities of the Federal Body of the Executive Power for Defense**

The federal body of the executive power for defense shall implement the realization of state policy in the field of space activities in the interests of defense and security of the Russian Federation as well as organize work for the creation of space technology of military significance and together with the federal organ of the executive power for space activities dual purpose space technology within the limits of the space division of the governmental armaments programme, as well as of the federal programmes in the area of space activities.

In pursuit of these goals the said body:

shall develop plans for a space division in the federal program for development, creation and production of weapons and military technology.

implement the assignment of the state defense contract for the development, production and delivery of space armaments and military technology;

plan and implement the use (exploitation) of space technology in the interests of defense and security of the Russian Federation;

ensure and coordinate the execution of research and development of space technology of military significance and together with the federal body of the executive power for space activities dual purpose space technology;

organize and coordinate exploration of systems explorations on substantiation of fundamental directions and prospects of the development of space technology of military significance and together with the federal organ of the executive power for space activities - dual purpose space technology;

organize and implement in the established manner the use (exploitation) dual purpose space technology;

organize and implement together with other interested federal organs of the executive power state tests of dual purpose space technology;

implement preparations for proposals on state policy in the field of space activities in the interests of defense and security of the Russian Federation;

together with other interested federal organs of the executive power participate in the realization of international space projects and programs of the Russian Federation;

coordinate the activity of the development of promising trends in the field of space equipment and space technology in the interests of defense and security of the Russian Federation;

organize the certification of space technology of military significance;

execute other functions established by the Government of the Russian Federation.

The federal organs of the executive power for defense in cases stipulated by law have the right to mobilize facilities of the space infrastructure and space technology.

The federal organs of the executive power for defense have the right to transfer in the established manner temporarily free facilities of the space infrastructure for their use (exploitation) when implementing space activities for scientific and socioeconomic goals.

#### **Article 8. The Federal Space Program of Russia**

1. The Federal Space Program of Russia is a long-term planning document on the basis of which the state order for the creation, production and use of space technology for scientific and socioeconomic purposes is formulated.

The procedure for development and implementation of the Federal Space Programme of Russia shall be regulated by the laws of the Russian Federation in respect of federal purposive programmes.

2. The Federal Space Program shall be developed taking into account the:

- established goals, tasks and principles of space activity;
- interests of the entities of the Russian Federation;
- economic condition in the country;
- state of space science and industry;
- necessity of the combined development of space and surface segments of the space infrastructure;
- interests of consumers and producers of space equipment and technology;
- state of and trends in the development of aeronautics;
- conditions of the world space market;
- adopted international obligations of the Russian Federation and objectives of expanding international cooperation.

3. The Federal Space Program of Russia shall be developed in accordance with the results of competitions for space projects submitted by interested federal organs of the executive power, organizations and citizens.

Competitions for space projects to be implemented for scientific and socioeconomic purposes shall be held in the procedure established by Federal Law No. 94-FZ of July 21, 2005 on Placing Orders to Supply Goods, Carry Out Works and Render Services for Meeting State and Municipal Needs.

4. General information on the Federal Space Program of Russia and annual account on the course of its execution shall be published in the press.

#### **Article 9.** The Licensing of Space Activity

Space activity shall be subject to licensing in compliance with the legislation of the Russian Federation.

#### **Article 10.** Certification of Space Technology

1. Space technology including space facilities, ~~surface and other~~ facilities of the space infrastructure being created for scientific and socioeconomic goals is subject to verification on their correspondence to the requirements established by legislation of the Russian Federation (certification).

Equipment being used in the creation and use of space technology also can be subject to certification.

2. Upon completion of certification procedures for each sample of space technology shall be issued a certificate.

Types, forms and periods of effectiveness of certificates, terms and procedures of their issue, and refusal to issue them, suspension or cancellation of their effectiveness as well as other issues regarding certification shall be regulated by the legislation of the Russian Federation.

3. Certification organs, manufactures of space technology and the corresponding officials who have violated rules for certification of space technology shall bear responsibility as established by the legislation of the Russian Federation.

#### **Article 11.** Expert Opinion on Space Activity Issues

1. On the basis of an expert opinion decisions shall be made on the following issues connected with the implementation of space activities;

- the inclusion of a project in the Federal Space Program of Russia;

the issuance of a certificate for models of space technology as well as for equipment being used during the creation and use of space technology;

- classifying space equipment and space technology as products the export of which is forbidden or restricted;

- settlement of bids for space projects;

- establishment the causes of incidents during the implementation of space activity

- other issues determined by the Government of the Russian Federation.

2. For conducting inquiries by experts the Government of the Russian Federation or the federal organs of the executive power as mentioned in Articles 6 and 7 of this law, commissions of experts shall be formed from specialists who have no interests in the results of the commission.

3. The procedure for the formation and the work of the commission of experts shall be determined by normative legal acts of the Russian Federation.

4. The conclusion of a commission of experts is not mandatory for a body making a decision on issues connected with the implementation of space activities.

Responsibility for such a decision, including for a decision not agreeing with the conclusion of a commission of experts, is born by the head of the organ making the decision.

Members of a commission of experts are responsible for their conclusion being correct and well substantiated.

### **Section III. Economic Conditions of Space Activity**

#### **Article 12. Financing Space Activity**

1. The amount of financing of space activity shall be fixed in the federal budget for the corresponding year.

The financing of space activity shall be implemented in the manner established for a state defense award by means of earmarking appropriations from the federal budget by the state customer and shall be allocated among those doing the work in accordance with state contracts.

2. The state customer shall arrange the use of off-budget funds of organisations directed by them for carrying out works (rendering services) in addition to the expense commitments of the Russian Federation in respect of the orders of the state executive body in charge of space activities or of the state executive body in charge of defence.

The leading executor of works shall be entitled to direct off budget funds for financing the works provided for by governmental contracts of carrying out works (rendering services) under the Federal Space Programme and other federal programmes in the area of space activities in addition to expense commitments of the Russian Federation in the procedure and subject to the terms determinable by the Government of the Russian Federation.

3. State guarantees and preferences can be granted in the established manner to organizations and citizens participating in the implementation of space projects in compliance with the laws of the Russian Federation.

4. Foreign investment in space activity connected with the execution of federal space programs can be guaranteed by funds from the federal budget as well as by federally owned property in compliance with the laws of the Russian Federation.

Foreign investment in the space activity of organizations and citizens of the Russian Federation can be guaranteed by the funds of these organizations and citizens or by intellectual or other property.

**Article 13.** Abolished as of January 1, 2005

#### **Article 14. State Contract for the Design, Manufacture and Supply of Space Technology and Facilities of the Space Infrastructure**

The state contract for the development, production and delivery of space technology and objects of the state infrastructure of various applications shall be shaped and distributed on the basis of federal space programs in the manner established for a state defense contract.

#### **Article 15. Use (Exploitation) of Space Technology**

1. The use (exploitation) of space technology (under conditions of state registration of rights to it) shall be implemented by its owner or the party that were granted by the owner or the authorized party in the established legal procedure rights to use (exploit) space technology.

Components of space technology, which are state property, can be under economic management or operative management of one or several enterprises if this does not violated the processing conditions of the functioning of such technology.

Components of technology can be removed from economic management or operative management of enterprises in the manner stipulated by the Civil Code of the Russian Federation.

2. Space technology removed from use can be transferred in the established manner to institutions, organizations, the fundamental activity of which has been assigned the use of the results of space activity for the purposes of education, science and culture.

#### **Article 16. Legal Protection of the Results of Intellectual Activity**

The legal protection of the results of intellectual activity obtained in the development of the space hardware and of space technologies shall be granted in conformity with the Civil Code of the Russian Federation.

### **Section IV. Space Facilities. Space Infrastructure.**

#### **Article 17. Space Projects**

1. Space Facilities of the Russian Federation are subject to registration and must have labeling verifying their affiliation with the Russian Federation.

2. The Russian Federation shall retain jurisdiction and control over space facilities registered in it during the time these objects are located on earth, at any stage of flight in space or sojourn in space, on celestial bodies as well as after returning to earth beyond the limits of jurisdiction of any state.

3. The right of ownership of space facilities remains inviolable while these objects are on earth, as well as at any stage of flight in space or sojourn in space, on celestial bodies as well as after returning to earth if otherwise not stipulated by international agreements of the Russian Federation.

4. If the space facilities are created by Russian organizations and citizens together with foreign states, organizations and citizens and international organizations, then issues of registration of such objects, jurisdiction and control over them as well as issues of rights of ownership to such space objects shall be settled on the basis of the relevant international agreements.

5. Jurisdictional rights and control over space objects as well as property rights for such objects shall not be affected by the legal status of the zone (section) of outer space, surface or depths of celestial body.

In immediately proximity from space facilities of the Russian Federation within the limits of a zone minimally necessary for ensuring safety of space activity can be established rules mandatory for Russian and foreign organizations and citizens.

#### **Article 18. Space Infrastructure**

1. The space infrastructure of the Russian Federation includes:

cosmodromes;

old complexes and empty plants;

measuring command complexes;

centers and points of management of flights of space objects;

points of reception, storage and development of information;

bases for storage of space equipment;

areas where discarded parts of space objects fall;

firing ground for takeoff for space objects and landing strip;

facilities of an experimental base for the development of space technology;

centers and equipment for training cosmonauts;

other surface structures and equipment being used for implementing space activities;

facilities of the space infrastructure, including mobile ones, are such to the extent to which they are use for ensuring or implementing a space activity.

2. Facilities of the space infrastructure, which are federal property, shall be under the economic management of government organizations that implement their exploitation.

The transfer of the objects of space infrastructure, which are federal property, to the economic management, ownership or rent by other organizations shall be allowed in the manner established by the legislation of the Russian Federation.

3. Apportionment of plots of land and their use as objects of the space infrastructure facilities and right of way zones adjacent to them shall be implemented in accordance with the procedure established by the legislation of the Russian Federation.

4. The activity of organizations of the Russian Federation regarding the use (exploitation) of space infrastructure facilities beyond the limits of the jurisdiction of the Russian Federation shall be implemented in accordance with international agreements of the Russian Federation and this law.

24. Activity using surface and other facilities of the space infrastructure by organizations and citizens of the Russian Federation beyond the limits of the jurisdiction of any state shall be implemented in accordance with this law.

Such activity of organizations and citizens of the Russian Federation on territories which are under the jurisdiction of a foreign state shall be implemented in accordance with the legislation of this state if this does not contradict this law.

#### **Article 19. Peculiarities of the Management of Space Facilities**

1. The management of space facilities of the Russian Federation at all stages from their launching until the completion of the flights shall be implemented by organizations responsible for the use (exploitation) of these facilities.

2. The landing of space objects of the Russian Federation shall occur on the firing ground for landing space objects.

In the case of incidents, including accidents and disasters, when implementing space activities the landing of space objects of the Russian Federation can occur in other regions with the notification of the relevant organs of state power.

3. Maneuvering of space objects in the air space of the Russian Federation shall be implemented with account of the requirements of legislation regulating the use of air space of the Russian Federation.

4. Space objects of a foreign state can implement non-recurrent, harmless flight through the air space of the Russian Federation for the purpose of launching of such object into an orbit around the Earth or further into outer space as well as for the purpose of returning it to the Earth under conditions of advanced notification of the relevant services of the Russian Federation of the time, place, trajectory and other terms of such flight.

5. Federal organs of the executive power mentioned in Article 6 and 7 of this law shall inform the relevant bodies of state power ~~and departments~~ of the Russian Federation of the launching and landing of space objects of the Russian Federation and in the case of necessity interested foreign states and international organizations.

In cases of launching, landing and cessation of the existence of space objects of the Russian Federation beyond its boundaries the corresponding services of the Russian Federation shall implement their functions in agreement with the competent organs of interested foreign states.

#### **Article 20. Cosmonauts and Crews of Manned Space Objects**

1. Citizens of the Russian Federation who have expressed a desire to participate in space flights and meet the requirements established professional and medical requirements shall be selected for preparation and implementation of space flights on a competitive basis.

The procedure and terms of conducting the competition shall be determined in accordance with Civil Code of the Russian Federation by federal organs of the executive power mentioned in Articles 6 and 7 of this law.

2. The procedure for preparation of the cosmonauts, the formation of the crews piloting the space objects and the adoption of a flight program as well as rights and duties of cosmonauts, payment for their labor and other terms of their professional activity shall be determined by contracts in accordance with laws and other normative legal acts of the Russian Federation.

3. A citizen-cosmonaut of the Russian Federation shall be appointed Commander of the crew of a manned space object.

The commander of the crew of a manned space object of the Russian Federation shall be endowed with all the power that is necessary for the execution of a space flight and leadership of the crew and other individuals participating in the flight.

The commander of the crew of a manned space object of the Russian Federation within the limits of their authority shall bear responsibility for the execution of the flight program, security of the crew and other individuals participating in the flight, the preservation of the space object and property in it.

4. The Russian Federation shall maintain jurisdiction and control over any crew registered in it of manned space objects during the time the object is on the earth, at any stage of the flight or the sojourn in space, on celestial bodies including beyond the bounds of the space facility, as well as when returning to earth right up to the completion of the flight program if otherwise is not stipulated by international agreements of the Russian Federation.

5. Citizens of foreign states undergoing space flight training in the Russian Federation or participating in a flight on a manned space facility of the Russian Federation must observe the legislation of the Russian Federation if otherwise not stipulated by international agreements of the Russian Federation.

#### **Article 21. Personnel of Ground and Other Facilities of the Space Infrastructure**

1. Personnel of facilities of the space infrastructure include specialist executing the duties of testing, preserving and using space equipment, as well as other duties involving ensuring the technological regime of the functioning of facilities of the space infrastructure.

2. The functional responsibilities of personnel of facilities of the space infrastructure shall be determined by organizations using such facilities.

Personnel of facilities of the space infrastructure are subject to certification of their conformity to established professional requirements.

3. The amount of the salary and additional material compensation of personnel of facilities of the space infrastructure shall be determined by their labour contracts' terms being concluded with organizations using such facilities.

4. Individuals included in the personnel of facilities of the space infrastructure whose professions are connected with dangerous or harmful labor conditions shall be granted social guarantees in accordance with the legislation of the Russian Federation and terms of the relevant labor contracts.

### **Section V. Safety of Space Activities**

#### **Article 22. Ensuring the Safety of Space Activities**

1. Any space activity shall be implemented by observing the safety requirements established by the laws and other normative legal acts of the Russian Federation.

The responsibility and general guidance of the work of ensuring the safety of space activities shall be entrusted to the federal organ of the executive power for space activity and the federal organ of the executive power for defense.

Space activity must be implemented with account of the ensuring the level of maintenance of the permissible anthropogenic loads for the environment and atmosphere around the earth.

2. The federal organ of the executive power for space activities and federal organs of the executive power for defense upon the demand of interested organizations and citizens must give information on safety issues arising when implementing a space activity.

When a threat arises to the safety of the population and environment the federal body of the executive power for space activity and the federal body of the executive power for defense shall immediately inform the relevant bodies of state power as well as organizations and citizens of this threat.

#### **Article 23. Investigation of Incidents During the Implementation of Space Activities**

1. Incidents including accidents and disasters when implementing space activities are subject to investigation, the procedure of which shall be determined by the laws and other normative legal acts of the Russian Federation.

2. The procedure for conducting and the validity of the results of the investigation of incidents including accidents and disasters can be appealed in court.

#### **Article 24. Search and Rescue Work and the Liquidation of the Consequences of Incidents**

1. Search and rescue work as well as the elimination of consequences of incidents when implementing space activity shall be conducted by the relevant federal executive bodies, if necessary, with the participation of organs of the state power of the entities of the Russian Federation, organs of local self-government as well as organizations and citizens.

2. The work on the liquidation of the consequences of incidents when implementing space activity shall include the restoration and reconstruction of industrial and other facilities which suffered the consequences of incidents, necessary environmental protection measures, and compensation of damage to entities of the Russian Federation, organizations and citizens.

3. Searches and rescue missions as well as work for the liquidation of the consequences of incidents when implementing a space activity on a territory of a foreign state shall occur with consent from competent organs of this state at the expense of funds of the organizations and citizens implementing such activity, and funds of the federal budget.

#### **Article 25. Insurance of Space Activity**

1. Organizations and citizens, which use (exploit) space technology or under whose orders shall be implemented the creation and use (exploitation) of space technology, shall have insurance on the lives and health of cosmonauts and employees of facilities of the space infrastructure, as well as to cover the harm caused to the life, health or property of other individuals in the manner and under terms established by law.

2. Organizations and citizens implementing space activity can voluntarily insure space technology (risk of loss, deficiencies or damage for space technology.)

### **Section VI. International Cooperation**

#### **Article 26. Abolished**

#### **Article 27. Legal Regime of Foreign Organizations and Citizens**

1. Foreign organizations and citizens implementing space activity under the jurisdiction of the Russian Federation shall use the legal regime established for organizations and citizens of the Russian Federation to the extent to which such regime is granted by the relevant state to organizations and citizens of the Russian Federation.

2. The Russian Federation shall ensure the legal protection of technology and commercial secret of foreign organizations and citizens that are implementing space activity under the jurisdiction of the Russian Federation in accordance with the legislation of the Russian Federation.

Other necessary protection of technology and space secrets of foreign organizations and citizens that are implementing space activity under the jurisdiction of the Russian Federation shall be provided on a mutual basis.

3. Foreign organizations and citizens that are implementing space activity under the jurisdiction of the Russian Federation shall carry insurance for space technology as well as the risks connected with space activity in the manner established by the Civil Code of the Russian Federation and this law.

**Article 28. Legal Regulation of International Cooperation**

1. Organizations and citizens of the Russian Federation taking part in the implementation of international projects in the field of space activity shall conclude agreements with foreign organizations and citizens in accordance with legislation of the Russian Federation unless otherwise stipulated by this agreement.

2. In the case of a conflict between the norms of legislation of the Russian Federation and the legislation of a foreign state applicable to space activity involving the participation of organizations and citizens of the Russian Federation, the effective legislation is that of the Russian Federation unless it is otherwise stipulated by international agreements of the Russian Federation.

**Section VII. Liability**

**Article 29. Liability of Officials, Organizations, and Citizens**

State organizations and their officials, other organizations and their officials as well as citizens who are guilty of violating this law and other legislative acts regulating space activity are liable in accordance with the legislation of the Russian Federation.

**Article 30. Liability for Harm Caused When Implementing Space Activity**

1. Liability for harm caused by space object of the Russian when implementing space activity on the territory of the Russian Federation or beyond her borders with the exception of in space arises independently of the fault of the party causing such harm.

2. If in any place apart from the surface of the Earth a space object of the Russian Federation or property aboard such object caused harm to another space object of the Russian Federation when implementing space activity, the compensation of the harm caused in the full amount shall be charged to the organization or the citizen owning the space object which caused the harm in the manner and under conditions stipulated by the Civil Code of the Russian Federation.

3. The harm caused to the person or property of a citizen, as well as the harm caused to the property of a juridical person by a space object of the Russian Federation when implementing space activity on the territory of the Russian Federation or beyond its borders, is subject to compensation by an organization or citizen that has taken out an insurance policy for its liability for causing harm, in the amount and in the manner stipulated by the Civil Code of the Russian Federation.

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