

Criminal Code extracts

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Article 226. Stealing or Extortion of Arms, Ammunition, Explosives

and Explosive Devices

1. Stealing or extortion of firearms, components to them, ammunition, explosives or explosive devices -

Shall be punishable by deprivation of liberty for a term of three to seven years.

2. Stealing or extortion of nuclear, chemical, biological or any other types of mass destruction weapons, and likewise of materials or equipment which can be used in the development of weapons of mass extermination -

Shall be punishable by deprivation of liberty for a term of five to ten years.

3. Act, provided for by the first or second part of this Article, if they have been committed:

a) by a group of persons in a preliminary conspiracy;

b) repeatedly;

c) by a person using his official position;

d) with the use of violence without danger for human life or health or with the threat of using such violence -

Shall be punishable by deprivation of liberty for a term of five to twelve years with confiscation of property or without such confiscation.

4. Acts specified by the first, second or third parts of this Article, if they have been committed:

a) by an organized group;

b) with the use of violence endangering human life and health or with the threat of using such violence;

c) by a person who was tried for stealing or extortion for two or more times -

Shall be punishable by deprivation of liberty for a term of eight to fifteen years with confiscation of property.

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Article 234. Illegal Traffic of Potent and Toxic Substances for the

Purpose of Sales

1. Illegal making, processing, acquisition, storage, transportation or sending for the purpose of sales, and likewise illegal marketing of potent or toxic substances, which are not narcotic drugs or psychotropic

substances, or illegal manufacture of equipment for making or processing such substances -

Shall be punishable by deprivation of liberty for a term of up to three years.

2. The same acts committed by a group of persons in a preliminary conspiracy or repeatedly -

Shall be punishable by deprivation of liberty for a term of two to five years.

3. Acts, provided for by the first or second part of this Article and committed by an organized group or dealing with potent substances on a large scale -

Shall be punishable by deprivation of liberty for a term of four to eight years.

4. Contravention of the rules for the production, acquisition, storage, record-keeping, issue, transportation or sending of potent or toxic substances, if this has entailed their stealing or infliction of any substantial harm, -

Shall be punishable by fine in the amount of 200 to 500 minimum wages or salaries or in the amount of the wage, salary, or any other income of the convicted person for a period of two to five months, or by corrective works for a term of up to two years, or by restraint of liberty for a term of up to three years, or by deprivation of liberty for a term of up to two years with disqualification to hold specified offices or to engage in specified activity for a term of up to three years or without such disqualification.

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Article 247. Violation of the Rules for Dealing with Ecologically

Hazardous Substances and Waste

1. Production of illicit dangerous waste, transportation, storage, dumping, use or any other circulation of radioactive, bacteriological and chemical substances and waste with the violation of fixed rules, if these acts have created a threat of infliction of substantial harm on human health or the environment -

Shall be punishable by fine in the amount of 200 to 500 minimum wages or salaries or in the amount of the wage or salary, or any other income of the convicted person for a period of two to five months, or by restraint of liberty for a term of up to three years, or by deprivation of liberty for a term of up to two years.

2. The same acts which have involved the pollution, poisoning or contamination of the environment the infliction of harm on human health or mass-scale ruin of animals, and likewise acts committed in the zone of ecological distress or in the zone of ecological emergency -

Shall be punishable by deprivation of liberty for a term of up to five years.

3. Acts, provided for by the first or second part of this Article and entailing by negligence the death of a man or mass disease of people -

Shall be punishable by deprivation of liberty for a term of three to eight years.

Article 248. Violation of Safety Rules in Dealing with

Microbiological or Other Biological Agents or Toxins

1. Violation of safety rules in dealing with microbiological or any other biological or any other biological agents or toxins, if this has involved the infliction of injury on human health, the spread of epidemics or epizooties, or any grave consequences -

Shall be punishable by deprivation of liberty for a term of up to three years with disqualification to hold specified offices or engage in specified activity for a term of up to three years, or without such disqualification.

2. The same act that has entailed by negligence the death of a person -

Shall be punishable by deprivation of liberty for a term of two to five years with disqualification to hold specified offices or engage in specified activity for a term of up to three years.

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Article 355. Production or Spread of Weapons of Mass Destruction

Production, acquisition or sale of chemical, biological, and also other weapons of mass destruction, banned by the international treaty of the Russian Federation, -

shall be punishable by deprivation of liberty for a term of five to ten years.

Article 356. Use of Banned Means and Methods of Warfare

1. Cruel treatment of prisoners of war or civilians, deportation of the civil population, plunder of the national property in the occupied territory and use in a military conflict of means and methods of warfare, banned by the international treaty of the Russian Federation, -

shall be punishable by deprivation of liberty for a term of up to 20 years.

2. Use of weapons of mass destruction, banned by the international treaty of the Russian Federation, -

shall be punishable by deprivation of liberty for a term of 10 to 20 years.