

Legal Aspects in Spatial Information Management in Russian Federation

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ABSTRACT

The problem of usage of digital spatial databases in Russian Federation has multivariable nature because of the following reasons. First, the digital maps grow out creative activities and are defended by the copyright law (The Law of Russian Federation "About the copyright and neighboring rights"). Secondly, the digital maps correspond to computer databases both their distribution and usage are regulated by the law on protection of databases (The Federal Law "About legal protection of the computer programs and database "). Thirdly, in Russian Federation in 1995 the Federal Law "About geodesy and cartography" is adopted and digital maps are although subject of this Law. In - fourth, as an information product, the digital maps fall under operating of the laws about the information (The Law of Russian Federation " About the information, informatization and protection of the information", The Federal Law "About international exchange of the information"). In - fifth, for distribution at the foreign market domestic geoinformation production should correspond to the international standards. The situation is complicated by absence of the legal documents uniquely adjusting usage of cartographical production, and also practically by absence of judiciary practice in this area. Now Federal service of a geodesy and cartography of Russia is engaged in filling of the gaps in the legislation in this area.

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