

Survey Finds Customs Logistic Weak Point

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Trucks driving in the Khakasia republic Saturday. A new survey ranks Russia 95th in the world in transit logistics. **Ilya Naymushin**

The World Bank assessed the transportation and logistics capacity of the world's countries and ranked Russia 95th out of 155.

The World Bank published the rating in the survey Connected to Compete.

Russia ranked between Guinea-Bissau and Lebanon, while its partners in the Common Economic Space were higher, with Kazakhstan in 86th place and Belarus in 91st.

The top spots in the rankings were held by Singapore, Hong Kong and Finland.

The logistics rating is based on responses by representatives from the logistics industry who assessed six indicators: customs procedures, transportation infrastructure, logistics services (customs brokers, transportation operators), tracking the movement of goods, timely

delivery and complexity in the organization of international transport.

Russia scored 2.58 points, compared to Singapore's 4.13.

There have been two previous surveys. In 2007, Russia was 99th with 2.37 points, and in 2010 it placed 94th with 2.61 points.

The lowest score of all six figures this year, 2.04 points — 138th place, was assigned to customs. Customs is associated with the international delivery indicator, in which Russia was in 106th place with 2.59 points.

According to the World Bank's Doing Business survey, which ranks countries' business climate, 36 days and up to 10 documents are required for goods to cross the Russian border, and the cost of importing a standard container is \$1,800. This puts Russia in 160th place out of 183 for cross-border trade in that survey.

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