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❖ **Russia Gains Millions of Dollars Less**

According to the statistics of the Federal Customs Service of Russia, 4.85 million satellite receivers (DVB-S/S2) were delivered to Russia within 2014-2015, and their total customs value reached \$171.5 million. Television equipment manufacturer GS Group estimates that the country was deprived of \$8.1 – \$12.1 million in customs payments and VAT from

importing foreign, mostly Chinese satellite TV receivers, because China supports the producers and partly compensates their expenses on importing the equipment. Experts are sure that Russia should also offer additional support to local radio-electronics industry. ❖

❖ **TBroadband Becomes Cheaper**

During the first months of 2016, the average monthly payment for fixed broadband internet access in Moscow became 2.18 % less (in rubles). Tariffs for network access with the speed from 10 Mbps to 50 Mbps started getting cheaper too, but this trend was not characteristic of other tariff groups, they remained at the same level. Moreover, there was a noticeable increase in the amount of average monthly payments for satellite and social cable TV subscriptions. This increase reached

10% and 13% respectively. These are the results of monitoring Moscow citizen's purchasing power in the ICT, prepared by the Analytics division of Moscow IT Department. The experts analyzed the period from 28 December until 15 February 2016.

The average monthly cost of broadband services decreased by 2.1% during this time – from \$9.08 to \$8.89. ❖

◆ GLONASS Satellites to be Launched with Proton Again

The Russian Federal Space Agency (Roscosmos) is about to come back to cluster launches of GLONASS satellites with Proton carrier rocket in the nearest future. After two famous crashes during such launches, in 2010 and 2013, Roscosmos stopped these launches and started putting GLONASS satellites into orbit one after another using Soyuz rockets. However, the orbital conditions have changed and currently there are two spacecrafts requiring replacement – in the second plane of GLONASS orbital fleet. The general director of "Academician M.F. Reshetnev Information Satellite Systems" (ISS-Reshetnev), the leading manufacturer of communication satellites in Russia, said the following: "The launch of three satellites together with

Proton rocket is one of the possible solutions, it is being considered. We also consider single launches: for example, making two single launches in the second plane during half a year. This decision will be made by Roscosmos together with space forces very soon. The spacecrafts are ready and launch dates depend only on the carriers' readiness. We used to work according to a scenario when the period between making a decision to launch the spacecraft and deploying the spacecraft into orbit lasted not longer than 90 days. I think, this standard should be maintained nowadays." ◆

1st half of 2016

Conference Title	Date
 <p>The 3rd Business Forum "Telecom of Two Capitals 2016 – St. Petersburg: Effective ways to improve competitiveness of telecom operators in big cities"</p>	February 19
 <p>The 2nd Federal Business Forum "Telecom QoS Russia 2016"</p>	March 3
 <p>The 7th International Conference "Transport Networks Russia 2016 – Transport telecommunications networks development in Russia and CIS"</p>	March 17–18
 <p>The 8th International Conference "Satellite Russia & CIS 2016"</p>	April 21
 <p>The 8th International Business Forum "Wireless Russia Forum: 4G, 5G & Beyond – Evolution of Mobile and Fixed Wireless Networks in Russia"</p>	May 26–27
 <p>The 3rd International Conference "Cloud Services Russia – Infrastructure. Platforms. Services"</p>	June 8
 <p>Awarding Ceremony of the 8th Annual Contest "TOP 10 IT Projects"</p>	June 8
 <p>The 4th Strategy Forum "PR Vector. Development of Corporate Communications in ICT"</p>	July 7

2nd half of 2016

Conference Title	Date
 <p>The 2nd Business Forum "Communications in a Big City – Aspects of operation and interaction of telecommunications market participants in a metropolis in the new conditions"</p>	September 15
 <p>The 7th International Conference "Managed Services 2016 – Operators' costs optimization, telecommunication networks and IT infrastructure outsourcing & network sharing"</p>	September 15
 <p>IT Forum of the Russian Oil & Gas Industry</p>	September 22
 <p>The 5th All-Russia Conference "Critical Communications Russia 2016"</p>	October 6
 <p>The 7th International Conference "Digital Broadcasting and New Ways of Video Content Delivery. Interactive Services in Modern Networks – Digital & Connected TV Russia 2016"</p>	October 27
 <p>The 6th International Business Forum "Broadband Russia Forum 2016 – Next Generation Broadband Networks Development in Russia"</p>	November 24–25
 <p>ComNews Awards 2016</p>	November 24

The plan is preliminary and could be changed or supplemented

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