

Please find below preferred definitions of terms contained in the English translation of Russian Federation Federal Law “On providing access to information on the activities of government bodies and bodies of local self-government” (N 8-FZ).

Respectfully,

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Act –

any norm-creating instrument issued by a government body or body of local self-government.

Collegium –

type of government body or body of local self-government, or type of entity of such a body, comprised of more than one person, in which each member participates in discussion and decision-making.

Competence –

official rights and duties of a government body or body of local self-government or of an official of such a body.

Municipal Legal Act –

act issued by a body of local self-government.

Subjects of the Russian Federation -

83 subnational jurisdictions established by Article 65 of the Constitution of the Russian Federation (with the amendments of December 30, 2008) including:

- **twenty-one** republics
- **nine** territories
- **forty-six** regions
- **two** cities of federal significance - Moscow and St. Petersburg
- **one** Jewish Autonomous Region
- **four** autonomous areas