

Russia: U.S. Journalist Can Appeal Five-Year Ban

Russia's Federal Migration Service says U.S. journalist David Satter has the right to appeal a decision that bars him from entering the country for five years.

Deputy chief Dmitry Demidenko told journalists on January 15 that Satter was in Russia in late November 2013 without a valid visa "and therefore violated the rules of his stay."

He said a new regulation that took effect in August 2013 stipulated administrative expulsion as the only possible sanction.

The U.S. State Department said it was "[disappointed](#)" by Moscow's decision.

Satter, 66, had been living and working in Russia since September 2013 as an adviser to RFE/RL's Russian Service.

Satter, who left Russia for Ukraine at the start of December, reapplied for a Russian visa in Kyiv.

He said he received notification that his request was approved but was told later that his presence in Russia was considered "undesirable."

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