

Fiat may be imported duty free from Serbia

Russia and Serbia are negotiating duty free importation of Serbian-made motorcars. Zastava and Fiat Group are mooting an agreement for duty-free importation of Fiat cars.

Russian-based Severstal-Auto factory produces Fiat autos paying customs duties for imported auto parts. It not yet clear how possible claims of Severstal will be settled.

Despite the increasing competition on the Russian car market, Fiat cars will not be competitors because Russia and Serbia will most likely make different models. Probability of a threat to Russia's assembly industrialization is low; the agreement is with Serbia, not Fiat, so foreign automakers have no base for making claims.

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