

By the Judgement of 13 June 2019 No.23-II the Constitutional Court of the Russian Federation appraised constitutionality of Article 6¹ of the Criminal Procedure Code of the Russian Federation.

The challenged provision was subject to consideration in so far as on its basis the issue of the duration of a reasonable period of criminal proceedings in respect of establishing the moment of commencement of its calculation for a person recognised a victim in a criminal case in the manner prescribed by the criminal procedure law (*hereinafter* - the victim), in cases where the criminal case ended with a conviction, - is decided.

The Constitutional Court recognised the challenged provision incompatible with the Constitution of the Russian Federation in so far as it allows not to take into account (for determining the reasonable period of criminal proceedings for the victim) the period from the day the victim filed an application about a crime until the initiation of a criminal case on this application in the above cases.

The Constitutional Court also found that, pending the introduction of appropriate legislative changes in determining a reasonable period of criminal proceedings for the victim in a designated situation, law enforcement should be guided by the provisions of Article 6¹, Section 3 of the Criminal Procedure Code of the Russian Federation.