

By the Judgement of 18 June 2019 No.24-II the Constitutional Court of the Russian Federation appraised constitutionality of Article 5, Section 4, para.5 and Article 7, Section 3, para.6 of the Federal Law “On Assemblies, Meetings, Demonstrations, Processions and Picketing”.

The challenged provisions were subject to consideration in so far as on their basis the issue of the implementation of a public event organiser’s (within his or her competence to ensure public order and safety of citizens during the public event) obligation to indicate in the notification of a public event the forms and methods of ensuring public order and medical assistance during a public event, - is decided.

The Constitutional Court recognised the challenged provisions not contradicting to the Constitution of the Russian Federation in so far as they:

do not allow imposition to the organiser of a public event such duties on ensuring public order and medical assistance during its organisation, which shall be carried out by state and municipal authorities and their authorised representatives who have, by virtue of their constitutional and legal status, relevant public authority;

do not imply that specification by the organiser of a public event in the notification of the forms and methods of ensuring public order and medical assistance during a public event, confirming that the organiser has taken appropriate responsibility and reflecting the organiser’s understanding of the appropriateness of these forms and methods, may be qualified by the executive authorities of a constituent entity of the Russian Federation or a local government body as non-compliance with the requirements imposed by the Federal Law to the content of the notification about the public event, and serve as a basis for return of the notification to the organiser without consideration;

do not exempt the executive authority of a constituent entity of the Russian Federation or the local government from sending to the organiser of a public event motivated (reasonable) proposals on changing (supplementing, specifying) the forms and methods of ensuring public order and medical assistance specified in the notification about the public event, in case they consider the latter not meeting the requirements of this Federal Law;

they do not limit the organiser of a public event in case he or she did not reach an agreement with the executive authority of the constituent entity of the Russian Federation or the local government regarding the forms and methods of ensuring public order and medical assistance specified in the notification in his or her application to appeal to the court, which is obliged as soon as possible before the date of the planned public event to assess objectively and comprehensively the

validity of the observations, made by the relevant bodies in respect of the organiser of a public event, as well as the motivation of the proposals for the change (addition, adjustment) of such forms and methods addressed to him or her.