

By the Judgment of 13th May, 2014 No. 14-II/2014 the Constitutional Court gave appraisal of constitutionality of Section 1 of Article 7 of the Federal Law “On Assemblies, Meetings, Demonstrations, Processions and Picketings”.

The contested legislative provision was the subject-matter of consideration to the extent to which it serves as ground for the resolution of the question about the term of forwarding notification on holding of a public event in case if this term determined according to general rule (not earlier than 15 and not later than 10 days prior to the day of holding of a public event) fully coincides with non-working holidays.

The Constitutional Court recognized the contested norm as not conforming to the Constitution of the Russian Federation to the extent to which it does not ensure the possibility to forward notification on holding of a public event for cases when the term of forwarding notification determined according to general rule fully coincides with non-working holidays.

Until appropriate legislative amendments are made, if the whole term of forwarding notification on holding of a public event determined according to general rule coincides with non-working holidays, notification may be forwarded on the last working day preceding the non-working holidays or, if it appears to be impossible, law enforcement bodies are obliged to ensure receipt and consideration of notifications on holding of a public event on non-working holiday. In any case extension to the period of non-working holidays of the term, in the course of which after the receipt of a notification the authorized body of public authority must inform the organizer of a public event of a founded suggestion as to alteration of the place and (or) time of holding of a public event, as well as proposals on elimination by the organizer of a public event of non-conformity of the goals, forms and other conditions of holding of a public event to the requirements of the said Federal Law, shall not be admissible.