

By the Judgment of 15th November, 2016 No.24-II/2016 the Constitutional Court gave appraisal of constitutionality of Item “b” of Section 3 of Article 125 and Section 3 of Article 127 of the Criminal Executive Code of the Russian Federation.

The contested provisions were the subject-matter of consideration insofar as on their basis is resolved the question of regulation (restriction) of the right to long-lasting visits in respect of persons convicted to life imprisonment and serving sentence in strict conditions.

The contested provisions have been recognised as not conforming to the Constitution of the Russian Federation to the extent to which they exclude the possibility to grant long-lasting visits to life sentence prisoners during first 10 years of serving sentence.

Until appropriate legislative amendments have been made, life sentence prisoners must be granted the possibility to enjoy one long-lasting visit per year from persons indicated in Section 2 of Article 89 of the Criminal Executive Code of the Russian Federation.