

**By the Judgement of 14 June 2018 No. 23-II/2018 the Constitutional Court gave appraisal of constitutionality of Section 1 of Article 1.7 of the Administrative Offences Code of the Russian Federation, Item 4 of Article 1 of the Federal Law “On Making Amendments to the Criminal Code of the Russian Federation and the Criminal Procedure Code of the Russian Federation on Matters of Improvement of Grounds and Procedure of Release from Criminal Liability” and Item 4 of Article 1 of the Federal Law “On Making Amendments to Individual Legislative Acts of the Russian Federation in Connection with Adoption of the Federal Law “On Making Amendments to the Criminal Code of the Russian Federation and the Criminal Procedure Code of the Russian Federation on Matters of Improvement of Grounds and Procedure of Release from Criminal Liability”.**

The contested provisions were a subject-matter of consideration insofar as they serve as grounds for the decision on the possibility to make natural persons administratively accountable under Article 6.1<sup>1</sup> of the Administrative Offences Code of the Russian Federation, if respective actions were committed prior to bringing this Article into effect, and criminal proceedings with regard to them have been discontinued or not instituted due to decriminalisation of these actions.

The Constitutional Court has recognised the contested provisions as not contradicting the Constitution of the Russian Federation, so far as they allow to make persons administratively accountable, provided that *corpus delicti* of the administrative offence envisaged by Article 6.1<sup>1</sup> of the Administrative Offences Code of the Russian Federation is found in their actions, if the event of a respective offence took place before entering of this Article into force.