

By the Judgement of 25 December 2020 No. 49-II the Constitutional Court of the Russian Federation appraised constitutionality of Para. 5, subpara. 3 of the Governor of the Moscow Region Decree "On the Introduction in the Moscow Region of a High Alert Regime for the Authorities and Forces of the Moscow Regional Emergency Prevention and Response System and some Measures to Prevent the Spread of a New Coronavirus Infection (COVID-2019) on the Territory of the Moscow Region.

The challenged provision was the subject of consideration, to the extent that, acting in conjunction with the general system of constitutional and legal and relevant special regulation, it established the obligation of citizens in conditions of high alert in order to prevent the spread of coronavirus infection not to leave their places of residence (stay) (except for those cases provided for in this provision), violation of which entailed administrative liability.

The Constitutional Court recognised the challenged provision as not inconsistent with the Constitution of the Russian Federation, since establishment thereof by its constitutionally significant purpose and essence was dictated by the objective need for a prompt response to the extraordinary (unprecedented) danger of the spread of the coronavirus infection (COVID-2019), the measures it introduced were not in the nature of an absolute ban, allowing for the possibility of movement of citizens with valid circumstances, were short-term, and the possibility of their establishment was timely confirmed in federal legislation.