

**By the Judgement of 30 January 2020 No.6-II the Constitutional Court of the Russian Federation appraised constitutionality of Article 6.1, Section 3 of the Criminal Procedure Code of the Russian Federation”**

The challenged provisions were subject of consideration to the extent that they resolve the issue of determining the duration of a reasonable period of criminal proceedings in terms of establishing the beginning of their calculation for a person recognised as a victim in a criminal case, in the manner prescribed by the criminal procedure law, in cases where the criminal case is terminated due to the death of the suspect.

The challenged provisions are recognised to be not in conformity with the Constitution of the Russian Federation to the extent that they allow, in determining the reasonable term of criminal proceedings for a person who has suffered physical, property, and moral harm (recognised as a victim by a criminal procedure law), not to take into account the period from the day on which he submits an application for a crime and until the initiation of a criminal case on this crime in cases where the proceedings on this criminal case are terminated in connection with the death of the suspect.

Until appropriate legislative amendments are made in determining a reasonable time limit for criminal proceedings in respect of the said person, if the criminal proceedings are discontinued due to the death of a suspect, one should be guided by the provisions of Article 6.1, Section 3.3 of the Code of Criminal Procedure of the Russian Federation.