

By the Judgement of 5 July 2021 No 32-II the Constitutional Court of the Russian Federation assessed constitutionality of Article 3, part 1 of the Federal law "On Guarantees of the Rights of Indigenous Small Peoples in the Russian Federation" and Article 19, part 1 of the Federal law "On Hunt and Preservation of Hunting Resources and on Introduction of Amendments to Certain Legislative Acts of the Russian Federation".

These provisions were subject to examination insofar as they served as basis to decide on affording the possibility to hunt under the rules established for hunt aimed at preserving traditional lifestyle and traditional craft to a citizen who represents one of the small indigenous peoples of the North, Siberia or Far East of the Russian Federation, who does not reside permanently in the territories of traditional dwelling of the relevant peoples, and engages in traditional crafts in these territories in addition to his or her main work or activity.

The challenged provisions were recognised as not contradicting the Constitution of the Russian Federation since taking into account the positions of the Constitutional Court of the Russian Federation in the current regulatory system these provisions do not exclude hunting by such person on conditions (rules) established for small indigenous peoples in the territory of dwelling of these peoples in order to preserve traditional lifestyle and traditional crafts if such person does not reside in the territory of traditional dwelling of these peoples but retains objectively confirmed connection to these territories, to traditional lifestyle and traditional crafts of forefathers, including engaging in these territories in traditional crafts in addition to his or her main activity (work) at the place of permanent residence.