

By the Judgment of 17 May 2021 No. 19-II the Constitutional Court of the Russian Federation examined constitutionality of Article 7, part 1¹ of the Federal law "On gatherings, meetings, demonstrations, parades and picketing" (as in force before amendment was applied by the Federal law of 30 December 2020 No. 497-03) and Article 20.2, part 2 of the Code of Administrative Offences of the Russian Federation.

These interrelated provisions were subject to consideration insofar as within the current legal framework they served as basis to decide the issue regarding possibility to recognise a series of pickets conducted by one participant as a single public event if such acts are organised by the same person and held for several days, with no more than one person participating each day; and regarding bringing the organiser of these events to administrative liability for holding such picketing without prior notification in the established order.

The challenged provisions were recognised as not being in conformity with the Constitution of the Russian Federation insofar as they allow, according to their judicial interpretation in a concrete case, allow to recognise a series of pickets conducted by one participant and united by a common idea and organisation as a single public event in conditions described above; and to bring their organiser to administrative liability for holding such picketing without prior notification in the established order.