

By its Judgment of 17 March 2022 No. 11-II/2022 the Constitutional Court of the Russian Federation assessed constitutionality of Article 10, part 1 of the Federal law “On Introducing Amendments to Certain Legislative Acts of the Russian Federation on the Issues of Allocation and Payment of Pensions”.

This legislative provision became subject to examination insofar as it served as basis to decide on the amount of unemployment benefit to be paid from 1 January 2019 to citizens who have reached the pre-pension eligible age (pre-pension age), having been recognised as unemployed before this date and already at that date meeting the criteria for recognition as persons of the pre-pension age established by the Law of the Russian Federation “On Employment of the Population in the Russian Federation” (in the version in force at the material period).

The challenged provision has been recognised as contradicting the Constitution of the Russian Federation insofar as within the current legal framework it prevented payment from 1 January 2019 of unemployment benefit in the increased amount established for the said category of citizens, where the relevant issue has been considered in respect of persons who already reached the pre-pension age, were recognised as unemployed before this date, and received this benefit in the maximum amount.