

**By the Judgement of 27 October 2022 № 46-II the Constitutional Court assessed the constitutionality of Article 25 (paragraph 12) of the Federal Law "On Road Safety".**

This legal provision was the subject of consideration insofar as it is applied to decide on the issue of admission to driving a vehicle of a citizen of the Russian Federation permanently residing in the Russian Federation, on the basis of a foreign national driver's license, valid and issued to him in another state while he was a citizen of that state.

The contested legal provision was found to be inconsistent with the Constitution of the Russian Federation to the extent that according to the meaning attributed to it by law enforcement practice, and in the absence within the current legal framework of a direct normative indication to the obligation of a citizen of the Russian Federation to exchange, in connection with moving to a permanent place of residence in the Russian Federation, his valid foreign national driver's license issued in another country which is a party to the Convention on Road Traffic while he was a citizen of this state to a Russian national driver's license, and also in the absence of an indication of the period for such an exchange, this legal provision allows for application of unfavorable administrative consequences to the said citizen due to failure to carry out such an exchange, including holding him administratively liable for driving a vehicle without possessing the relevant right to drive a vehicle (Article 12.7 of the Code of Administrative Offenses of the Russian Federation).