

By the Judgement of 29 April 2025 № 18-II, the Constitutional Court assessed constitutionality of Article 4 (item 3 of part 1) of the Federal Law “On the Citizenship of the Russian Federation”

This provision was the subject of consideration to the extent that it serves as the basis for establishing the fact of the presence or absence of citizenship of the Russian Federation for a person born person born in the RSFSR, who was a citizen of the USSR, who went abroad before 6th February 1992 (date of entry into force of the Law «On Citizenship of the Russian Federation») and for a long time was recognized by the state as a citizen of the Russian Federation by birth date (documented with Russian passport), including after acquiring citizenship of a foreign state.

The contested legal provisions was found as not contradicting the Constitution since it implies that the said person, who was registered by the consulate and (or) documented with a Russian passport after 6th February 1992 (by changing the data of his consular registration) upon the expiration of ten years from the date of such registration or from the date of documentation with the Russian passport (if person has not committed illegal actions directed against the sovereignty and national security of the Russian Federation), he may not be recognized as a person who has not acquired citizenship of the Russian Federation, unless there are other legally prescribed grounds for this.