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## **Chapter 1. General Provisions**

### **Article 1. Subject of Regulation of this Federal Law**

This Federal Law regulates relations of citizenship of the Russian Federation, including the reasons, conditions and procedure for the acquisition and termination of citizenship of the Russian Federation.

### **Article 2. Legal Regulation of Relations Concerning the Citizenship of the Russian Federation**

1. Legislation relating to the citizenship of the Russian Federation is based on the Constitution of the Russian Federation and consists of this Federal Law, other federal laws, normative legal acts of the President of the Russian Federation, normative legal acts of the Government of the Russian Federation and normative legal acts of the federal executive authorities.

2. Relations concerning the citizenship of the Russian Federation may be governed by the international treaties of the Russian Federation.

3. Where an international treaty of the Russian Federation provides for the rules other than stipulated in this Federal Law, the rules of the international treaty shall be applied.

4. Decisions of interstate authorities based on the provisions of the international treaties of the Russian Federation interpreted in contradiction to the Constitution of the Russian Federation shall not be executed in the Russian Federation. Such contradiction may be established in the manner specified by federal constitutional law.

### **Article 3. Time Validity of the Legislative Acts in the Field of Citizenship of the Russian Federation**

1. Legislative acts in the field of citizenship of the Russian Federation shall apply to relations arising from the date of entry into force of these acts, unless they expressly provide otherwise.

2. The fact that a person had citizenship of the Russian Federation before the date of entry into force of this Federal Law or the fact that a person had citizenship of the USSR in the past shall be determined on the basis of legislative acts of the Russian Federation, the RSFSR or the USSR, international treaties of the Russian Federation, the RSFSR or the USSR in force on the day of the occurrence of the circumstances with

which the person's corresponding citizenship is associated.

#### **Article 4. The Basic Concepts Used in this Federal Law**

1. For the purposes of this Federal Law, the following basic concepts shall be used:

- 1) **citizen of the USSR** - a person who had citizenship of the USSR;
- 2) **citizen of the Russian Federation** - a person having citizenship of the Russian Federation;
- 3) **citizenship of the Russian Federation** - a stable legal connection of a person with the Russian Federation, expressed in the totality of their mutual rights and obligations;
- 4) **dual citizenship** - the possession, by a citizen of the Russian Federation, of citizenship (nationality) of a foreign state with which the Russian Federation has concluded an international treaty on dual citizenship;
- 5) **single parent (adoptive parent)** - a person who is a parent (adoptive parent) of a child if the other parent (adoptive parent) of the child is unknown, recognized as incapable, dead, declared dead, recognized as missing or deprived of parental rights or his location is not established;
- 6) **change of citizenship** - acquisition or termination of citizenship of the Russian Federation;
- 7) **foreign citizen** - a person who is not a citizen of the Russian Federation and has citizenship (nationality) of a foreign state;
- 8) **a foreign citizen or stateless person permanently residing in the Russian Federation** - a person who has a residence permit in the Russian Federation;
- 9) **a foreign citizen or stateless person residing in the Russian Federation** - a person who has, respectively, a residence permit in the Russian Federation, a temporary residence permit in the Russian Federation, a temporary identity card of a stateless person in the Russian Federation, a visa and (or) a migration card or any other document stipulated by federal law or an international treaty of the Russian Federation, confirming the person's right to stay or reside in the Russian Federation;
- 10) **stateless person** - a person who is not a citizen of the Russian Federation and has no evidence of citizenship (nationality) of a foreign state;
- 11) **multiple citizenship** - the possession, by a citizen of the Russian Federation, of citizenship (nationality) of a foreign state with which the Russian Federation has not concluded an international treaty on dual citizenship;
- 12) **child** - a person under the age of eighteen years;
- 13) **parents** - the father (male) and mother (female) of the child;
- 14) **territory of the Russian Federation** - the territory of the Russian Federation within the State border of the Russian Federation on the day of the occurrence of circumstances related to the acquisition or termination of citizenship of the Russian Federation in accordance with this Federal Law;
- 15) **territory of the RSFSR** - the territory of the RSFSR within the administrative boundary of the RSFSR on the day of the occurrence of circumstances related to the acquisition or termination of citizenship of the Russian Federation in accordance with this Federal Law.

2 The concepts of other branches of legislation of the Russian Federation used in this Federal Law shall be applied in the meaning in which they are used in these branches of legislation of the Russian Federation, unless otherwise provided by this Federal Law.

#### **Article 5. The General Principles of the Citizenship of the Russian Federation**

1. The citizenship of the Russian Federation is single and uniform regardless of the grounds for the acquisition thereof.

2. A citizen of the Russian Federation may not be deprived of the citizenship of the Russian Federation or the right to change it.

3. Residence of citizen of the Russian Federation outside the Russian Federation does not terminate his citizenship of the Russian Federation.

4. A citizen of the Russian Federation may not be deported from the Russian Federation or extradited to a foreign state.

5. Legislation relating to the citizenship of the Russian Federation may not contain provisions limiting the persons' rights due to their social, racial, ethnic, linguistic or religious affiliation.

6. The Russian Federation encourages the acquisition of the citizenship of the Russian Federation by stateless persons residing in the Russian Federation.

#### **Article 6. Provision of Protection and Support to Citizens of the Russian Federation Residing Outside the Russian Federation**

1. Citizens of the Russian Federation who are residing outside the Russian Federation shall be provided with the protection and support of the Russian Federation.

2. State authorities of the Russian Federation, diplomatic missions and consular offices, the officials of such missions and institutions are obliged to ensure that citizens of the Russian Federation who are staying outside the Russian Federation are provided with the opportunity to fully enjoy all the rights established by the Constitution of the Russian Federation, federal constitutional laws, federal laws, universal principles and norms of international law, international treaties of the Russian Federation, laws and regulations of the host or residence states of the citizens of the Russian Federation, as well as the opportunity to protect their rights and legally protected interests.

#### **Article 7. Citizenship of the Russian Federation and Marriage**

1. Where a person with citizenship of the Russian Federation and a person without citizenship of the Russian Federation conclude or dissolve their marriage, this shall not entail any changes in their citizenship.

2. Where one of the spouses changes his/her citizenship, this shall not entail any changes in the citizenship of the other spouse.

3. Dissolution of marriage does not entail any changes in the citizenship of the children born (adopted) in that marriage.

#### **Article 8. The Citizenship of a Child and a Legally Incapable Person**

1. A child's citizenship follows the citizenship of their parents (adoptive parents) or single parent (adoptive parent) in accordance with this Federal Law.

2. The citizenship of the Russian Federation of a child may not be terminated, where the child becomes a stateless person as a result of such termination.

3. Where the citizenship of the Russian Federation of one of the parents (adoptive parents) terminates, and the other parent (adoptive parent) remains a citizen of the Russian Federation, their child retains the citizenship of the Russian Federation.

4. The citizenship of the Russian Federation of a child may be terminated simultaneously with the termination of the citizenship of the Russian Federation of one of the parents (adoptive parents), should one of the following documents be available:

1) a consent of the other parent (adoptive parent) who is a citizen of the Russian Federation in writing and notarized in accordance with the legislation of the Russian Federation;

2) a final court judgement declaring the other parent (adoptive parent) dead, missing or deprived of their parental rights;

3) a certificate of death of the other parent (adoptive parent);

4) a parent's (adoptive parent's) statement, drawn up in any form, of being unaware of the other parent's (adoptive parent's) objections, who is a citizen of the Russian Federation and whose whereabouts are unknown to the applicant, to the termination of the child's citizenship of the Russian Federation;

5) the child's certificate of birth having no record of the other parent.

5. A child's citizenship shall not change where his parents deprived of parental rights change their citizenship. Changing the citizenship of a child does not require the consent of his parents deprived of parental rights.

6. The citizenship of the Russian Federation of a child or legally incapable person under the custody or guardianship of a foreign citizen may be terminated in the manner provided for by this Federal Law unless this contradicts the interests of such child or legally incapable person.

7. A child having citizenship of the Russian Federation shall retain the citizenship of the Russian Federation when adopted by a foreign citizen or foreign citizens. The citizenship of the Russian Federation of a child adopted by a foreign citizen or foreign citizens may be terminated upon the request of both adoptive parents or of the single adoptive parent in the manner provided for by this Federal Law, unless this contradicts the interests of such child.

8. For acquiring or terminating the citizenship of the Russian Federation for a child above the age of fourteen and under the age of eighteen, a written consent of such child is required. The authenticity of the child's signature is certified in accordance with the procedure established by the Regulation on the procedure for consideration of the issues of citizenship of the Russian Federation.

### **Article 9. Documents certifying citizenship of the Russian Federation**

1. The main document certifying the citizenship of the Russian Federation and the identity of the citizen of the Russian Federation on the territory of the Russian Federation is a passport of a citizen of the Russian Federation (hereinafter also referred to as passport).

2. All citizens of the Russian Federation who have reached the age of fourteen and reside in the Russian Federation are required have a passport.

3. The federal executive authority of internal affairs or its territorial authority shall execute the processing, issuance, replacement, destruction of a passport and withdrawal of an invalid passport. Withdrawal of an invalid passport from a person who is staying outside the Russian Federation is carried out by a diplomatic mission or consular office.

4. A passport may be executed in the form of a document on paper or in the form of another document, including containing an electronic storage, established by legal act of the President of the Russian Federation.

5. Regulations on the passport, establishing the procedure and terms of its processing, issuance, replacement, destruction, the validity period of the passport and the procedure for its use, the list of biometric personal data contained on the electronic storage, the procedure for withdrawal of an invalid passport, the procedure for keeping records of passports and their blanks, as well as samples of the passport blank and the description of the passport blank shall be approved by the Government of the Russian Federation, taking into account the requirements of this Federal Law.

6. For the issuance of a passport a state duty shall be paid in the amount and in accordance with the procedure established by the tax and fees legislation of the Russian Federation.

7. Citizen of the Russian Federation shall carefully keep his passport. Citizen of the Russian Federation shall immediately report the loss or theft of a passport on the territory of the Russian Federation to the territorial authority of the federal executive authority of internal affairs, and in case of loss or theft of a passport outside the Russian Federation to a diplomatic mission or consular office.

8. The passport is invalid:

1) upon expiration of its validity period established by the Government of the Russian Federation;

2) upon expiry of ninety days from the date of change by the citizen of the Russian Federation in accordance with the established procedure of surname, name, patronymic, information on date (number, month, year) and (or) place of birth or making changes to the civil status record on the basis of a report of the medical commission of a medical organization which is institution of the federal executive authority for the development and implementation of state policy and legal regulation of health care, on compliance of sexual features with features of a certain sex, issued in accordance with Part 2 of Article 45.1 of the Federal

Law of 21 November 2011 N 323-FZ "On basics of the health protection of citizens in the Russian Federation";

3) from the date of establishment by the federal executive authority of internal affairs, its territorial authority or the border authority of the federal security service of the fact of inserting false information in the passport;

4) in case of unsuitability of the passport for further use due to violation of security elements of the passport blank, as a result of which it is impossible to establish the authenticity of such passport blank or to ensure protection against changes of records, images, requisites contained therein, or due to damage that violates the integrity of the passport blank (absence of a page or its part intended for making marks and (or) records), and (or) wear and tear or damage which makes impossible to visually unambiguously determine the passport details, the presence of certain information in the passport or its content - from the date of the occurrence of the relevant circumstances;

5) from the day of issuance of a new passport due its replacement;

6) from the date of the decision to terminate citizenship of the Russian Federation;

7) from the day of receipt by the territorial authority of the federal executive authority of internal affairs, diplomatic mission or consular office of a statement of citizen of the Russian Federation about the loss or theft of a passport;

8) from the date of death of the passport holder;

9) in case the passport is not claimed - upon expiration of three years from the date of its issuance or upon expiration of three years from the date of passport submission to the territorial authority of the federal executive authority of internal affairs as found;

10) in case of establishing the fact of passport issuance on the basis of forged, false or invalid documents or deliberately false information - from the day of passport issuance. The procedure for establishing such fact shall be determined by the federal executive authority of internal affairs;

11) in case of passport making on a forged blank;

12) in case of the results of an inspection establish that the passport holder does not have citizenship of the Russian Federation according to Article 40 of this Federal Law - from the day of passport issuance.

9. The following are not allowed:

1) issuance of a new passport to a citizen of the Russian Federation without recognizing the lost or stolen passport as invalid;

2) issuance of a new passport to a citizen of the Russian Federation without withdrawal of the previously issued passport, except for the case if the passport is lost or stolen;

3) withdrawal of a valid passport from citizen of the Russian Federation, except cases provided by the legislation of the Russian Federation.

10. Along with a passport, a document certifying the citizenship of the Russian Federation may be another document containing an indication of citizenship of the Russian Federation. The list of documents certifying citizenship of the Russian Federation shall be established by the President of the Russian Federation.

## **Chapter 2: Dual Citizenship and Multiple Citizenship**

### **Article 10. Specificities of the Legal Status of a Citizen of the Russian Federation Having Dual Citizenship or Multiple Citizenship**

1. The Russian Federation considers a citizen of the Russian Federation having dual citizenship or multiple citizenship as a citizen of the Russian Federation only, regardless of their place of residence, unless otherwise provided for by federal law or an international treaty of the Russian Federation.

2. Where a citizen of the Russian Federation acquires the citizenship (nationality) of a foreign state, this shall not entail termination of citizenship of the Russian Federation.

3. Having dual citizenship or multiple citizenship by a citizen of the Russian Federation may not give

rise to his deportation from the Russian Federation or delivery to a foreign state, including the state where the citizen of the Russian Federation has citizenship (nationality).

4. A citizen of the Russian Federation having dual citizenship or multiple citizenship sentenced to imprisonment by a court of the Russian Federation may, upon his voluntary consent, be delivered to serve his sentence in a foreign state whose citizenship (nationality) he has, where it is provided for by an international treaty of the Russian Federation.

5. Federal law may provide for restrictions regarding a citizen of the Russian Federation having dual citizenship or multiple citizenship or a document stipulated by the laws of the foreign state and confirming such citizen of the Russian Federation's right to permanent residence on the territory of the foreign state.

6. The acquisition or termination of dual citizenship, and the specificities of the legal status of such citizen of the Russian Federation having dual citizenship may be governed by federal laws and international treaties of the Russian Federation.

**Article 11. Notification of Acquisition of Citizenship (Nationality) of a Foreign State or Receipt of a Residence Permit or Other Document Confirming the Right of Permanent Residence of Citizen of the Russian Federation on the Territory of a Foreign State. Notification of the Loss of Citizenship (Nationality) of a Foreign State or of a Residence Permit or Other Document Confirming the Right of Permanent Residence of Citizen of the Russian Federation on the Territory of a Foreign State**

1. A citizen of the Russian Federation is obliged to submit a notification of each fact of acquisition of citizenship (nationality) of a foreign state or obtaining a residence permit or other document confirming the right of permanent residence of a citizen of the Russian Federation on the territory of a foreign state (hereinafter - notification of acquisition of citizenship (nationality) of a foreign state), and also has the right to submit a notification of loss of citizenship (nationality) of a foreign state or a residence permit or other document confirming the right of permanent residence of a citizen of the Russian Federation on the territory of a foreign state (hereinafter - notification of loss of citizenship (nationality) of a foreign state).

2. Notification of acquisition of citizenship (nationality) of a foreign state, notification of loss of citizenship (nationality) of a foreign state shall be submitted to the federal executive authority of internal affairs or its territorial authorities directly or through a federal state unitary enterprise authorized by the federal executive authority of internal affairs and working under its jurisdiction (hereinafter - the authorized enterprise) or an organization authorized by the city of federal significance Moscow (hereinafter - the authorized organization). A citizen of the Russian Federation who is outside the Russian Federation may submit the relevant notification to a diplomatic mission or consular office.

3. The procedure for submitting notification of acquisition of citizenship (nationality) of a foreign state, notification of loss of citizenship (nationality) of a foreign state to the federal executive authority in of internal affairs or its territorial authorities, including in electronic form, shall be established by the federal executive authority of internal affairs. The procedure for submitting notification of acquisition of citizenship (nationality) of a foreign state, notification of loss of citizenship (nationality) of a foreign state to diplomatic missions or consular offices are established by the federal executive authority responsible for the development and implementation of state policy and legal regulation of international relations of the Russian Federation (hereinafter - the federal executive authority of international relations).

4. Notification of the acquisition of citizenship (nationality) of a foreign state by citizen of the Russian Federation who has not reached the age of eighteen years, or by a citizen of the Russian Federation recognized as incapable, notification of the loss of citizenship (nationality) of a foreign state by such citizens of the Russian Federation shall be submitted by their legal representatives.

5. Notification on acquisition of citizenship (nationality) of a foreign state, notification on loss of citizenship (nationality) of a foreign state may be submitted by a representative, acting on the basis of a power of attorney notarized in accordance with the legislation of the Russian Federation, of a citizen of the Russian Federation who is obliged to submit notification on acquisition of citizenship (nationality) of a

foreign state or has the right to submit notification on loss of citizenship (nationality) of a foreign state.

6. Notification of acquisition of citizenship (nationality) of a foreign state shall be submitted not later than within sixty calendar days from the date of acquisition by a Russian of citizenship (nationality) of a foreign state or receipt of a residence permit or other document confirming the right of permanent residence of a citizen of the Russian Federation in the territory of a foreign state. A citizen of the Russian Federation who acquired citizenship (nationality) of a foreign state or received a residence permit or other document confirming the right of permanent residence of a citizen of the Russian Federation on the territory of a foreign state, and who did not submit a notification on acquisition of citizenship (nationality) of a foreign state within the period established by this Part due to being outside the Russian Federation, shall submit a notification on acquisition of citizenship (nationality) of a foreign state not later than sixty calendar days after the date of entry to the Russian Federation.

7. Forms of notifications on acquisition of citizenship (nationality) of a foreign state, forms of notifications on loss of citizenship (nationality) of a foreign state, the composition of information to be included in them and the list of documents to be attached are established in accordance with the Regulation on the procedure for consideration of issues of citizenship of the Russian Federation.

8. Notification of acquisition of citizenship (nationality) of a foreign state shall not be submitted by citizen of the Russian Federation if he has reported having citizenship (nationality) of this foreign state during submitting an application for admission to citizenship of the Russian Federation or for recognition as a citizen of the Russian Federation.

9. Federal constitutional laws, federal laws or international treaties of the Russian Federation may establish other cases where citizen of the Russian Federation is exempted from the obligation to submit notification of the acquisition of citizenship (nationality) of a foreign state.

### **Chapter 3. Acquisition of the Citizenship of the Russian Federation**

#### **Article 12: Grounds for Acquisition of the Citizenship of the Russian Federation**

The citizenship of the Russian Federation shall be acquired:

- 1) by birth;
- 2) as a result of admission to the citizenship of the Russian Federation;
- 3) as a result of recognition as a citizen of the Russian Federation;
- 4) as a result of opting for the citizenship of the Russian Federation following changes in the State Border of the Russian Federation (optation);
- 5) as provided for by an international treaty of the Russian Federation.

#### **Article 13. Acquisition of the Citizenship of the Russian Federation by Birth**

1. A child acquires citizenship of the Russian Federation where, as of the child's birth date:

- 1) both his parents or his single parent have the citizenship of the Russian Federation;
- 2) one of his parents has the citizenship of the Russian Federation and the other parent is a stateless person;
- 3) one of his parents has the citizenship of the Russian Federation and the other parent is a foreign citizen (provided that the child was born in the Russian Federation);
- 4) one of his parents has the citizenship of the Russian Federation and the other parent is a foreign citizen (provided that the child was born outside the Russian Federation and has not acquired any citizenship (nationality) of a foreign state by birth);
- 5) both his parents or his single parent are foreign citizens or stateless persons permanently residing in the Russian Federation (provided that the child was born within the Russian Federation and has not acquired any citizenship (nationality) of a foreign state by birth).

2. A child whose parents or single parent are foreign citizens or stateless persons as of the child's

birth date acquires the citizenship of the Russian Federation by birth, where he was born aboard a ship or aircraft with Russian national affiliation and has not acquired the citizenship (nationality) of a foreign state by birth.

3. A child who is in the Russian Federation and whose parents are unknown acquires citizenship of the Russian Federation by birth if it is not established within six months from his discovery that he has the citizenship of the Russian Federation or the citizenship (nationality) of a foreign state.

4. For the purposes of confirming the acquisition of the citizenship of the Russian Federation by birth, a child's parent, custodian, guardian, or the principal of the institution for orphans and children without parental care where the child is placed may submit an application for registration of citizenship of the Russian Federation acquired by birth to a territorial authority of the federal executive authority for internal affairs directly or through a subordinate enterprise or authorized organization or to a diplomatic mission or consulate of the Russian Federation. On considering such application and subject to meeting the provisions of parts 1–3 of this Article, the territorial authority of the federal executive authority for internal affairs or the diplomatic mission or consulate of the Russian Federation shall decide on the provision of citizenship of the Russian Federation by birth and issue a following document:

1) to the child's parent, custodian, guardian, or to the principal of the institution for orphans and children without parental care where the child is placed, — a document that certifies the acquisition of citizenship of the Russian Federation by birth, the form of which document is established in accordance with the Regulation on the procedure for considering issues of citizenship of the Russian Federation;

2) to a child who reached the age of fourteen, – a passport.

5. A child's acquisition of citizenship of the Russian Federation as a result of adoption is treated equal to a child's acquisition or citizenship of the Russian Federation by birth, except for the cases mentioned in point 5 of part 1, parts 2 and 3 of this Article.

#### **Article 14. Procedure for Admission to the Citizenship of the Russian Federation**

1. The decision on admission to citizenship of the Russian Federation in accordance with Articles 15 and 16 of this Federal Law shall be taken by the federal executive authority of internal affairs or its territorial authority on the basis of an application of a foreign citizen or stateless person for admission to citizenship of the Russian Federation.

2. The decision on admission to citizenship of the Russian Federation in accordance with Article 17 of this Federal Law shall be taken by the President of the Russian Federation on the basis of a request by the head of a federal executive authority or the highest official of the subject of the Russian Federation or an autonomous non-profit organization "Russia is Country of Opportunities".

3. In cases and based on the procedure provided by this Federal Law, a decree of the President of the Russian Federation or an international treaty of the Russian Federation decisions on admission to citizenship of the Russian Federation shall be taken by the federal executive authority of international relations, diplomatic missions or consular offices.

4. The procedure for submitting an application for admission to citizenship of the Russian Federation, sending a request specified in part 2 of this Article, consideration of such application, applying and making a decision on admission to citizenship of the Russian Federation shall be determined by this Federal Law and the Regulation on the procedure for consideration of issues of citizenship of the Russian Federation.

#### **Article 15. Admission to the Citizenship of the Russian Federation**

1. A foreign citizen or stateless person who reached the age of eighteen and has legal capacity may submit an application for admission to the citizenship of the Russian Federation provided that such foreign citizen or stateless person shall commit to comply with the Constitution of the Russian Federation, take an Oath of a citizen of the Russian Federation according to Article 21 of this Federal Law, and also satisfies all the following criteria simultaneously:

1) permanently resides in the Russian Federation from the date of taking a decision on issuing the residence permit of the Russian Federation and until the date of applying for the citizenship of the Russian Federation for five years;

2) has a command of the Russian language;

3) knows the history of Russia and the fundamentals of legislation of the Russian Federation;

4) such foreign citizen or stateless person is not subject to any circumstances that give rise to the denial of application to admission to citizenship of the Russian Federation under Article 18 of this Federal Law.

2. During admission to the citizenship of the Russian Federation specific categories of foreign citizens and stateless persons they may be exempted from the requirements of points 1- 4 of Part 1 of this Article in cases provided for by this Federal Law.

3. The requirements listed in of points 2 and 3 of Part 1 of this Article shall not apply to foreign citizens and stateless persons of age seventy or above, or disabled persons of Group I.

4. A list of documents certifying a foreign citizen's or stateless person's command of the Russian language, their knowledge of the history of Russia and fundamentals of legislation of the Russian Federation shall be established in accordance with the Regulation on the procedure for consideration of the issues of citizenship of the Russian Federation.

#### **Article 16. Admission to the Citizenship of the Russian Federation of Certain Categories of Foreign Citizens and Stateless Persons**

1. A legally capable foreign citizen or stateless person who reached the age of eighteen may apply for citizenship of the Russian Federation without reference to the requirements of point 1, Part 1 of Article 15 of this Federal Law, where:

1) such foreign citizen or stateless person has concluded a contract of service in the Armed Forces of the Russian Federation, other corps or military formations for a period of not less than one year;

2) such foreign citizen or stateless person resides permanently in the Russian Federation for at least one year and are recognized as refugees or have received political asylum in the Russian Federation.

2. A legally capable foreign citizen or stateless person who reached the age of eighteen and is permanently residing in the Russian Federation (regardless of the period of residence) has the right to submit an application for admission to citizenship of the Russian Federation without reference to the requirements of points 1-3, Part 1 of Article 15 of this Federal Law, where such foreign citizen or stateless person:

1) was born or permanently resided on the territory of the RSFSR and was a citizen of the USSR;

2) has lineal ancestors who were born or permanently resided on the territory of the RSFSR or a territory that was part of the Russian Empire or the USSR, within the State Border of the Russian Federation;

3) has at least one parent (adoptive parent) who is a citizen of the Russian Federation and resides in the Russian Federation;

4) has a son or daughter who is a citizen of the Russian Federation and resides in the Russian Federation;

5) is married to a citizen of the Russian Federation who resides in the Russian Federation and has a common child with them, including an adopted child;

6) has successfully mastered, in the Russian Federation, an intramural higher educational program with state accreditation and received an educational degree and qualification with distinction;

7) has mastered an intermediate professional educational program, bachelor degree's program, specialist's degree program, master's degree program, residency program, assistant internship program with state accreditation, or a post-graduate (adjunct) scientific and academic training program in educational or scientific institutions of and on the territory of the Russian Federation, and is employed in the Russian Federation according to the corresponding speciality for no less than one year in total until applying for citizenship of the Russian Federation;

8) is a stateless person who used to be a citizen of the USSR.

3. A legally capable foreign citizen or stateless person who reached the age of eighteen and is residing in the Russian Federation may apply for citizenship of the Russian Federation without reference to the requirement of point 1, Part 1 of Article 15 of this Federal Law, where such foreign citizen or stateless person has the status of the participant of the State Program to Assist Compatriots Residing Abroad in the Voluntary Resettlement to the Russian Federation or status of a family member of the participant of such State Program.

4. A legally capable stateless person who reached the age of eighteen and is residing in the Russian Federation may apply for citizenship of the Russian Federation without reference to the requirements of points 1-3, part 1, Article 15 of this Federal Law, where such stateless person:

1) was a USSR citizen and was registered at their place of residence in the Russian Federation as of 1 November 2002;

2) is an adult son or adult daughter of a person referred to in point 1 of this Part and does not have a document stipulated by the laws of a foreign state that confirms the right to reside in that foreign state.

5. A child who is a foreign citizen or stateless person may be admitted to citizenship of the Russian Federation, where:

1) one of his parents (adoptive parents) is a citizen of the Russian Federation or acquires citizenship of the Russian Federation;

2) his single parent (adoptive parent) is a citizen of the Russian Federation or acquires citizenship of the Russian Federation;

3) the child is under the custody or guardianship of a citizen of the Russian Federation or a person who acquires citizenship of the Russian Federation, except for the cases mentioned in Part 1 of Article 12 and Part 1 of Article 13 of the Federal Law of 24 April 2008 No. 48-FZ "On custody and guardianship";

4) the child is placed in a Russian institution for orphans and children without parental care, except for the cases mentioned in point 2 of Article 155.1 of the Family Code of the Russian Federation.

6. A legally incapable person who is a foreign citizen or stateless person may be admitted to the citizenship of the Russian Federation, where:

1) the legally incapable person is under the custody or guardianship of a citizen of the Russian Federation or a person who acquires citizenship of the Russian Federation, except for the cases mentioned in Part 1 of Article 12 and Part 1 of Article 13 of the Federal Law of April 2008 No. 48-FZ "On custody and guardianship";

2) a legally incapable person placed under supervision in a Russian educational institution, medical institution, institution providing social services, or other Russian institution, except for the case mentioned in Part 4 of Article 11 of the Federal Law of April 2008 No. 48-FZ "On custody and guardianship".

7. A foreign citizen or stateless person whose citizenship of the Russian Federation was terminated due to an application of their legal representatives may, within five years from the day of attaining the age of eighteen, apply for citizenship of the Russian Federation without reference to the requirements of points 1-3, Part 1 of Article 15 of this Federal Law.

8. A foreign citizen or stateless person having legal capacity has the right to apply for citizenship of the Russian Federation without reference to the requirements of 1-3, Part 1 of Article 15 of this Federal Law where such foreign citizen or stateless person is:

1) a veteran of the Great Patriotic War who used to be a citizen of the USSR;

2) a veteran of combat operations, whose admission to citizenship of the Russian Federation is applied for by a federal state authority or a federal executive authority or an executive authority of a subject of the Russian Federation that issued him a combat veteran certificate or an attestation (certificate) of the right to benefits, the samples of which were approved before 1 January 1992, or a federal state authority or a federal executive authority that is currently performing functions in the relevant area of activity of the abolished state authority that issued the certificate of entitlement to benefits, the sample of which was approved before 1 January 1992.

9. For humanitarian or other purposes, the President of the Russian Federation has the right to define other categories of foreign citizens and stateless persons that may be admitted to citizenship of the Russian Federation without reference to all or certain requirements of Part 1 of Article 15 of this Federal Law, and

to establish other requirements and conditions of admission to the citizenship of the Russian Federation.

### **Article 17. Exceptional Admission to the Citizenship of the Russian Federation**

A foreign citizen or stateless person who reached the age of eighteen and has legal capacity may submit an application for citizenship of the Russian Federation without reference to the requirements of points 1-3, Part 1 of Article 15 of this Federal Law, where such foreign citizen or stateless person:

- 1) is of special merit to the Russian Federation;
- 2) due to their profession or qualification, or other reasons are of interest to the Russian Federation.

### **Article 18. Reasons for Denial of the Application for Admission to Citizenship of the Russian Federation**

An application for admission to citizenship of the Russian Federation shall be declined on the following grounds:

- 1) the foreign citizen or stateless person:
  - a) advocates for the violent change of fundamentals of the constitutional order of the Russian Federation or pose other threats to the security of the Russian Federation by other actions;
  - b) has participated in international, ethnic, territorial or other armed conflicts;
  - c) has participated in any activity against a Russian peacekeeping contingent and preventing them from performing their duties or against the Armed Forces of the Russian Federation;
  - d) has participated in terrorist attacks, extremist activities or preparation for such attacks or activities against citizens of the Russian Federation, representative offices of the Russian Federation in foreign state or under international institutions, representative offices of the subjects of the Russian Federation in foreign states, as well as against the officers of such representative offices;
  - e) has participated in illegal acts or preparation for such acts having at least one sign of extremist activity punishable under criminal, administrative or civil legislation of the Russian Federation, or other activities posing threat to the security of the Russian Federation or citizens of the Russian Federation;
  - f) is on military service, serves in a security agency or law enforcement authorities of a foreign state, unless otherwise provided by an international treaty of the Russian Federation;
  - g) is under criminal prosecution of competent Russian authorities or competent authorities of a foreign state for crimes recognized under federal law;
  - h) is serving a sentence of imprisonment for any activities prosecuted by federal law;
  - i) has an outstanding or unexpunged conviction for intentional crimes recognized by federal law and committed within or outside the Russian Federation;
  - j) fails to comply with the requirements of points 1–4, Part 1 of Article 15 of this Federal Law, or do not qualify under certain categories of foreign citizens or stateless persons mentioned in Part 3 of Article 15, Articles 16 and 17, Part 1 of Article 43 and Part 1 of Article 44 of this Federal Law;
- 2) the fact is established that the foreign citizen or stateless person has submitted forged, false or invalid documents or made false representations;
- 3) the foreign citizen or stateless person is denied entry to the Russian Federation.

### **Article 19. Recognition as a Citizen of the Russian Federation**

1. Recognized as citizens of the Russian Federation are:

- 1) persons who were USSR citizens permanently residing on the territory of the Russian Federation as of 6 February 1992;
- 2) persons who were USSR citizens without permanent residence on the territory of the Russian Federation as of 6 February 1992 and who returned to the Russian Federation for permanent residence, provided that they were born in the Russian Federation (RSFSR) or, as of their birth date, at least one of

their parents was a USSR citizen and permanently resided on the territory of the RSFSR (territory of the Russian Federation);

3) soldiers (officers, ensigns, midshipmen, servicemen who served extended service in the Armed Forces of the Russian Federation, ministries and departments of the Russian Federation that had troops and military formations, servicemen who were trained in military educational institutions) who took an oath of allegiance to the USSR or the Russian Federation and served, as of 6 February 1992 in military units under the jurisdiction of the Russian Federation and located on the territories of other states (including as part of the United Armed Forces of the Commonwealth of Independent States), and their spouses and children who were part of their families as of 6 February 1992.

2. An application for recognition as a citizen of the Russian Federation shall be denied, where:

1) the person was issued a renunciation of citizenship of the USSR or citizenship of the Russian Federation in accordance with the procedure established by law on the basis of the voluntary expression of will of the person;

2) the person has submitted forged, false or invalid documents or made false representations;

3) the person does not qualify under requirements of Part 1 of this Article.

3. The procedure for applying for and considering recognition as a citizen of the Russian Federation is determined by this Federal Law and the Regulation on the procedure for consideration of issues of citizenship of the Russian Federation.

4. Recognition as citizens of the Russian Federation of persons mentioned in Part 1 of this Article does not entail any revision of such persons' rights, obligations and liabilities as citizens of the Russian Federation with regard to the Russian Federation, subjects of the Russian Federation, municipalities, individuals or legal entities, nor any revision of the obligations of the Russian Federation, subjects of the Russian Federation, municipalities, individuals or legal entities with regard to the persons mentioned in part 1 of this Article as citizens of the Russian Federation, where such rights, obligations and liabilities arose during a period from the date when the authority responsible for issues of citizenship of the Russian Federation drew a conclusion that such person did not have citizenship of the Russian Federation to the date of the decision to recognize him as a citizen of the Russian Federation.

5. The requirements arising from the recognition of the persons mentioned in Part 1 of this Article as citizens of the Russian Federation shall not be satisfied where the rights and obligations arising from such recognition arose or could have arisen during a period from the date when the authority responsible for issues of citizenship of the Russian Federation drew a conclusion that such person did not have citizenship of the Russian Federation to the date of the decision to recognize him as a citizen of the Russian Federation.

## **Article 20. Choosing Citizenship Following Changes in the State Border of the Russian Federation (optation)**

Where the State Border of the Russian Federation changes, persons residing on the territory that changed state affiliation may opt for citizenship (optation) in the order and within the timeframe established by a federal constitutional law or an international treaty of the Russian Federation.

## **Article 21. Oath of a Citizen of the Russian Federation**

1. Persons acquiring citizenship of the Russian Federation on the grounds provided by points 2, 4 and 5 of Article 12 of this Federal Law (except of persons specified in Part 2 of this Article) shall be obliged to take the Oath of a Citizen of the Russian Federation (hereinafter also referred to as the Oath):

"I (surname, name, patronymic (if available), voluntarily and consciously accept citizenship of the Russian Federation and solemnly swear:

to observe the Constitution and legislation of the Russian Federation, the rights and freedoms of its citizens;

to perform the duties of a citizen of the Russian Federation for the benefit of the state and society;

to defend the freedom and independence of the Russian Federation;  
to be faithful to Russia, respect its culture, history and traditions".

2. Exempted from the Oath are:

- 1) persons under the age of eighteen years;
- 2) persons recognized as incapacitated;
- 3) persons who are unable to read or pronounce the text of the Oath and (or) sign it due to their disability;
- 4) other persons according to decisions of the President of the Russian Federation.

3. The Oath shall be taken by a person after the adoption by the authority responsible for issues of citizenship of the Russian Federation of a decision establishing the fact that the person has acquired citizenship of the Russian Federation.

4. The procedure for taking the Oath is established by the President of the Russian Federation.

## **Chapter 4. Termination of the Citizenship of the Russian Federation**

### **Article 22. Reasons and Procedure for the Termination of Citizenship of the Russian Federation**

1. The citizenship of the Russian Federation terminates on the following grounds:

1) a voluntary declaration of will of the citizen of the Russian Federation (renunciation of citizenship of the Russian Federation);

2) submitting false information with regard to the obligation to comply with the Constitution of the Russian Federation and the laws of the Russian Federation, expressed, among other things, in:

- a) the commission of a crime (preparation for a crime or attempt to commit a crime);
- b) the commission of actions that pose a threat to the national security of the Russian Federation;
- c) failure to perform the obligation of initial conscription registration;

3) establishment of the fact that the person submitted forged, false or invalid documents or made wilful misrepresentations that served as a ground for admission to citizenship of the Russian Federation or recognition as a citizen of the Russian Federation;

4) other grounds provided by an international treaty of the Russian Federation that grants the possibility to retain or change citizenship.

2. A decision to terminate the citizenship of the Russian Federation for reasons mentioned in point 1 of Part 1 of this Article shall be made by a federal executive authority for internal affairs, its territorial authority, federal executive authority for international affairs, the diplomatic mission or consular office of the Russian Federation according to their powers determined by this Federal Law.

3. A decision to terminate citizenship of the Russian Federation of a child under the custody or guardianship of a foreign citizen or foreign citizens, or adopted by a foreign citizen or foreign citizens shall be made by the President of the Russian Federation.

4. A decision to terminate citizenship of the Russian Federation for reasons mentioned in points 2 or 3, Part 1 of this Article shall be made by the authority responsible for issues of citizenship of the Russian Federation that decided to admit that person to the citizenship of the Russian Federation or recognized that person as a citizen of the Russian Federation. Decisions to terminate citizenship of the Russian Federation made by a federal executive authority for internal affairs, its territorial authority, federal executive authority for international affairs, a diplomatic mission or consular office of the Russian Federation on the reason foreseen by point 3, Part 1 of this Article are subject to the approval of the President of the Russian Federation.

5. A decision to terminate citizenship of the Russian Federation for reasons mentioned in subsection "b", point 2, Part 1 of this Article is made by a federal executive authority for internal affairs or its territorial authority within their powers determined by this Federal Law.

6. The procedure for terminating citizenship of the Russian Federation for reasons mentioned in point

4 of Part 1 of this Article is determined by an international treaty of the Russian Federation.

### **Article 23. Renunciation of the Citizenship of the Russian Federation**

1. An application to renounce citizenship of the Russian Federation is submitted by a citizen of the Russian Federation who reached the age of eighteen, is legally capable and staying within the Russian Federation to a federal executive authority for internal affairs or its territorial authority directly or through the authorized enterprise or authorized organization.

2. An application to renounce citizenship of the Russian Federation is submitted by a citizen of the Russian Federation who reached the age of eighteen, is legally capable and staying outside the Russian Federation to a federal executive authority for international affairs or a diplomatic mission or consular office of the Russian Federation.

3. An application to renounce citizenship of the Russian Federation with regard to a child or legally incapable person shall be filed by a parent (adoptive parent) or other legal representative of the child or legal representative of the legally incapable person.

4. Renunciation of the citizenship of the Russian Federation is not permitted, where:

1) the citizen of the Russian Federation has an outstanding obligation to the Russian Federation, a subject of the Russian Federation or municipality established by federal law, laws of a subject of the Russian Federation, or enactments of municipal representative authority in terms of paying fees, taxes, duties or penalties or any other outstanding obligation to the Russian Federation established by federal law;

2) the citizen of the Russian Federation is under enforcement proceedings in the Russian Federation;

3) a competent authority of the Russian Federation has filed a criminal accusation against the citizen of the Russian Federation or this person has been found guilty by a court ruling that is subject to enforcement;

4) the citizen of the Russian Federation does not have the citizenship (nationality) of a foreign state or any guarantees of acquisition thereof.

5. The procedure for considering applications for the renouncement of citizenship of the Russian Federation, preparing materials related to the termination of citizen of the Russian Federation and their submission to the President of the Russian Federation, their consideration and making relevant decisions is determined by this Federal Law and the Regulation on the procedure for consideration of the issues of citizenship of the Russian Federation.

### **Article 24. Termination of Citizenship of the Russian Federation due to Committing Crime**

1. Citizenship of the Russian Federation terminates for reasons mentioned in subparagraph “a”, point 2, Part 2 of Article 22 of this Federal Law, where a citizen of the Russian Federation acquired citizenship of the Russian Federation as a result of recognition of citizenship of the Russian Federation under a federal constitutional law, an international treaty of the Russian Federation, or admission to citizenship of the Russian Federation and has committed, (prepared for or attempted to commit) one of the crimes mentioned by Parts three - five of Article 131, Parts four - six of Article 134, Parts four and five of Article 135, Parts two and three of Article 186, Articles 205, 205.1, Part two of Article 205.2, Articles 205.3, 205.4, 205.5, 206, 207.3, 208, 209, 210, 210.1, Part four of Article 211, Part one of Article 212, Article 212.1, Parts four - six of Article 222, Parts two - six of Article 222.1, Parts four - six of Article 222.2, Parts two and three of Article 223.1, Parts three and four of Article 226, Part three of Article 226.1, Parts two and three of Article 228, Parts three - five of Article 228.1, Parts two - four of Article 229, Parts two - four of Article 229.1, Parts two - four of Article 230, parts one and two of Article 239, Articles 243.4, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 280.1, 280.2, 280.3, 281, 281.1, 282.1, 282.2, 282.3, 283, 284.1, 284.2, 295, 317, 328, 329, 330.1, 338, 339, 354, 354.1 and 361 of the Criminal Code of the Russian Federation, or related to terrorist or extremist activities and mentioned in Articles 318 and 360 of the Criminal Code of the Russian Federation.

2. Citizenship of the Russian Federation terminates for reasons mentioned in subparagraph “a”, point 2, Part 2, Article 22 of this Federal Law regardless of the time when such crime was committed, date of the

court ruling sentencing the person for such crimes, or date of the decision on admission to the citizenship of the Russian Federation.

3. A copy of the court verdict that has entered into legal force sentencing a person for committing (preparing for, attempting to commit) one of the crimes mentioned by Part 1 of this Article shall be sent by the court of the first instance to a federal executive authority for internal affairs within five days from the effective date of such sentence.

### **Article 25. Termination of Citizenship of the Russian Federation as a Result of Establishing the Fact that the Applicant Submitted Forged, Counterfeit or Invalid Documents or Provided Deliberately False Information**

1. Citizenship of the Russian Federation terminates for reasons mentioned in point 3, Part 1, Article 22 of this Federal Law, where the authority responsible for issues of citizenship establishes that the decision to admit to the citizenship of the Russian Federation or recognize as a citizen of the Russian Federation has been made on the grounds of forged, false or invalid documents submitted by the applicant or deliberately false information provided by the applicant with his application for the admission to the citizenship of the Russian Federation or recognition as a citizen of the Russian Federation, with the exception of information provided for in point 2, Part 1 of Article 22 of this Federal Law.

2. The fact of submitting forged, false or invalid documents or providing deliberately false information is established in court.

3. The fact of submitting forged, false or invalid documents or providing deliberately false information established in court gives rise to the termination of citizenship of the Russian Federation for reasons mentioned in point 3, Part 1 of Article 22 of this Federal Law, where such documents or evidence misrepresent the information:

1) about the applicant (surname, name, patronymic, date and place of birth, citizenship or lack of citizenship);

2) about the applicant's compliance with the requirements established by Articles 15–17, 19, Part 1 of Article 44 of this Federal Law or about having grounds for recognition as a citizen of the Russian Federation provided for by Part 3 of Article 44 of this Federal Law;

3) about lack of reasons for denying citizenship of the Russian Federation mentioned by Article 18 hereof (where such reasons actually exist).

4. A decision to terminate citizenship of the Russian Federation for reasons mentioned in point 3, Part 1 of Article 22 of this Federal Law takes into account the circumstances provided for by the Regulation on the procedure for consideration of the issues of citizenship of the Russian Federation and evidencing the nature of the person's legal ties with the Russian Federation and their sustainability.

5. Citizenship of the Russian Federation may not be terminated for reasons mentioned in point 3, Part 1 of Article 22 of this Federal Law, after the lapse of ten years from the effective date of the decision to admit to the citizenship of the Russian Federation or to recognize as a citizen of the Russian Federation, where such citizen of the Russian Federation resides in the Russian Federation and does not have any other reasons for the termination of their citizenship of the Russian Federation.

6. On lapse of the term mentioned in Part 5 of this Article, citizenship of the Russian Federation may be terminated in exceptional cases subject to the approval or decision of the President of the Russian Federation.

### **Article 26. Termination of citizenship of the Russian Federation as a result of committing actions that pose a threat to the national security of the Russian Federation**

1. Citizenship of the Russian Federation shall be terminated on the grounds stipulated by subparagraph "b", Part 2 of Article 22 of this Federal Law, where a citizen of the Russian Federation who has acquired Russian Federation citizenship as a result of recognition as a citizen of the Russian Federation

on the basis of a federal constitutional law, an international treaty of the Russian Federation, or admission to citizenship of the Russian Federation, has committed actions that pose a threat to the national security of the Russian Federation.

2. The fact of the commission of actions that pose a threat to the national security of the Russian Federation is established by the federal security service agencies, on which an opinion is issued. The procedure for issuing an opinion and its form are determined by the federal executive authority in the field of security.

3. The citizenship of the Russian Federation terminates on the grounds stipulated by subparagraph "b", Part 2 of Article 22 of this Federal Law, regardless of the time of committing actions that pose a threat to the national security of the Russian Federation and the date of revealing the fact of committing such actions.

4. The opinion on the establishment of the commission of actions that pose a threat to the national security of the Russian Federation shall be sent (handed over) to the person in respect of whom it was issued within three days from the date of its adoption and shall also be sent to the federal executive authority in the sphere of internal affairs.

5. The opinion stipulated in Part 2 of this Article may be appealed in court within ten days from the date of its receipt by the person in respect of whom it was issued. If an appeal is submitted, such a person may be expelled from the Russian Federation or extradited to another state only if a court decision that has entered into legal force declares the opinion issued in accordance with Part 2 of this Article as lawful and substantiated and the citizenship of the Russian Federation of such a person is terminated.

## **Chapter 5. Powers of the of Affairs on Citizenship of the Russian Federation**

### **Article 27. Authorities in charge of issues on citizenship of the Russian Federation**

The authorities in charge of issues concerning citizenship of the Russian Federation are:

- 1) The President of the Russian Federation;
- 2) the federal executive authority of internal affairs and its territorial authorities;
- 3) the federal executive authority of international relations and diplomatic missions and consular offices.

### **Article 28. Powers of the President of the Russian Federation**

1. The President of the Russian Federation:

1) ensures the coordinated functioning and interaction of the authorities in charge of issues concerning citizenship of the Russian Federation in connection with the implementation of this Federal Law;

2) makes decisions on admission to citizenship of the Russian Federation in an exceptional manner in accordance with Article 17 of this Federal Law, including in the presence of circumstances provided for by subparagraphs "b", "f" - "j" of point 1, points 2 and 3 of Article 18 of this Federal Law;

3) makes decisions on the termination of citizenship of the Russian Federation in connection with applications for the renunciation of citizenship of the Russian Federation in relation to a child for whom guardianship or custody of foreign citizens or a foreign citizen has been established or who has been adopted by foreign citizens or a foreign citizen, or an incapacitated person for whom guardianship of a foreign citizen has been established, as well as decisions on the termination of citizenship of the Russian Federation due to reasons provided for by subparagraph "a", point 2 or point 3, Part 1 of Article 22 of this Federal Law, if decisions on admission to citizenship of the Russian Federation in relation to the same persons were made by the President of the Russian Federation;

4) determines the categories of foreign citizens and stateless persons who may be admitted to citizenship of the Russian Federation without taking into account all or some requirements provided by Part 1 of Article 15 of this Federal Law for humanitarian and other purposes, establishes other requirements and

conditions for admission to citizenship of the Russian Federation, and also determines the procedure for submitting relevant applications and taking decisions on them;

5) approves the Regulation on the procedure for consideration of issues of citizenship of the Russian Federation;

6) establishes the types of documents certifying citizenship of the Russian Federation.

2. The President of the Russian Federation issues the decrees on issues of citizenship of the Russian Federation.

3. The Commission on issues of the citizenship under the President of the Russian Federation carries out preliminary consideration of applications on issues of citizenship of the Russian Federation and of applications for admission to citizenship of the Russian Federation in an exceptional manner, where the adoption of decisions is assigned to the powers of the President of the Russian Federation in accordance with this Federal Law. The Regulations on the Commission on issues of the citizenship under the President of the Russian Federation and its composition are approved by the President of the Russian Federation.

### **Article 29. Powers of the federal executive authority of internal affairs and its territorial authorities**

1. Federal executive authority of internal affairs and its territorial authorities:

1) establish on the territory of the Russian Federation the fact that persons have or do not have citizenship of the Russian Federation;

2) issue documents certifying citizenship of the Russian Federation to citizens of the Russian Federation who are staying in the Russian Federation;

3) make decisions on the registration of citizenship of the Russian Federation acquired by birth on applications of citizens of the Russian Federation, foreign citizens and stateless persons who are staying in the Russian Federation;

4) accept and consider applications on issues of citizenship of the Russian Federation submitted in the territory of the Russian Federation;

5) make decisions on admission to citizenship of the Russian Federation in accordance with Articles 15, 16 and Part 1 of Article 44 of this Federal Law, as well as decisions on recognition as a citizen of the Russian Federation in accordance with Article 19 and Part 3 of Article 44 of this Federal Law;

6) issue conclusions on applications for renunciation of citizenship of the Russian Federation of a child for whom guardianship or custody of foreign citizens or a foreign citizen has been established or who has been adopted by foreign citizens or a foreign citizen, or an incapacitated person for whom guardianship of a foreign citizen has been established, submitted by foreign citizens who are guardians or custodians or adoptive parents of a child or an incapacitated person in the territory of the Russian Federation, in order to send these conclusions with the necessary materials to the President of the Russian Federation;

7) take decisions on the termination of citizenship of the Russian Federation on the grounds provided for by point 1, subparagraphs "a" and "b" of point 2, Part 1 of Article 22 of this Federal Law;

8) in coordination with the President of the Russian Federation make decisions on admission to citizenship of the Russian Federation in accordance with Articles 15, 16 and with part 1 of Article 44 of this Federal Law in the presence of circumstances provided for by subparagraphs "b", "f" - "j" of point 1, points 2 and 3 of Article 18, part 2 of Article 44 of this Federal Law, as well as decisions on termination of citizenship of the Russian Federation by reasons provided for by point 3, Part 1 of Article 22 of this Federal Law;

9) verify the information provided by the applicant when submitting an application on issues of citizenship of the Russian Federation and the documents submitted by him and, if necessary, request and obtain from the relevant state authorities and organizations additional information, including information constituting banking, tax or other secrecy protected by law;

10) ensure the execution of decisions on issues of citizenship of the Russian Federation in respect of citizens of the Russian Federation, foreign citizens and stateless persons who are staying in the Russian

Federation;

11) keep statistical and personal records of persons in respect of whom decisions have been taken to change citizenship of the Russian Federation, persons who have submitted notifications provided for in Article 11 of this Federal Law, and records of conclusions on establishing the fact of presence or absence of citizenship of the Russian Federation, including through the information systems, in accordance with the procedure established by the federal executive authority of internal affairs jointly with the federal executive authority of international relations;

12) accept on the territory of the Russian Federation from citizens of the Russian Federation notifications provided for by Article 11 of this Federal Law;

13) conduct mandatory state dactyloscopy registration of foreign citizens and stateless persons acquiring citizenship of the Russian Federation, maintain information database created in the process of state dactyloscopy registration.

2. In the territories of separate constituent entities of the Russian Federation, the list of which is established by the federal executive authority of internal affairs, the subordinate enterprise provides assistance to the federal executive authority of internal affairs and its territorial bodies:

1) in accepting applications on issues of citizenship of the Russian Federation and documents attached;

2) in accepting notifications provided for by Article 11 of this Federal Law;

3) in conducting mandatory state dactyloscopy registration of foreign citizens and stateless persons acquiring citizenship of the Russian Federation.

3. The procedure for providing assistance in the exercise of the powers specified in Part 2 of this Article by a subordinate enterprise to the federal executive body in the sphere of internal affairs and its territorial bodies, including the timeframes for the transfer by the subordinate enterprise of documents and information received by it to the federal executive body in the sphere of internal affairs and its territorial bodies, the procedure for monitoring compliance by the subordinate enterprise with the requirements for the provision of such assistance, as well as the requirements for information interaction between the subordinate enterprise and the federal executive body in the sphere of internal affairs, its territorial bodies, carried out using a unified system of interdepartmental electronic interaction, shall be established by the federal executive body in the sphere of internal affairs.

4. On the territory of the city of federal significance Moscow, an authorized organization may provide assistance to a territorial body of the federal executive body in the sphere of internal affairs in the exercise of the powers specified in Part 2 of this Article. The procedure for providing assistance in the exercise of the powers specified in Part 2 of this Article by an authorized organization to a territorial body of the federal executive body in the sphere of internal affairs, including the timeframes for the transfer by the authorized organization of the documents and information it has received to the territorial body of the federal executive body in the sphere of internal affairs, the procedure for monitoring compliance by the authorized organization with the requirements for the provision of such assistance, as well as the requirements for information interaction between the authorized organization and the territorial body of the federal executive body in the sphere of internal affairs, shall be established by the federal executive body in the sphere of internal affairs. The involvement of an authorized organization in providing assistance to a territorial body of the federal executive body in the sphere of internal affairs in the exercise of the powers specified in Part 2 of this Article shall be carried out on the basis of a reasoned proposal from the highest official of the city of federal significance of Moscow on the basis of a relevant decision of the federal executive body in the sphere of internal affairs and an agreement on interaction between the federal executive body in the sphere of internal affairs and the given subject of the Russian Federation.

5. Assistance to the federal executive body in the sphere of internal affairs and its territorial bodies in the exercise of the powers specified in Part 2 of this Article shall be rendered by a subordinate enterprise and an authorized organization without the involvement of federal budget funds. Within the framework of rendering such assistance, interaction between citizens of the Russian Federation, foreign citizens, stateless persons and the subordinate enterprise, authorized organization shall be carried out in accordance with civil

legislation.

6. The subordinate enterprise and the authorized organization, at the request of individuals, shall prepare documents, in the acceptance of which the subordinate enterprise and the authorized organization shall assist the federal executive body in the sphere of internal affairs and its territorial bodies in accordance with this Federal Law.

7. Assistance in conducting mandatory state fingerprinting registration shall be provided by a subordinate enterprise and an authorized organization in accordance with Federal Law No. 128-FZ of 25 July 1998 "On State Fingerprinting Registration in the Russian Federation".

8. Control over the provision of assistance by a subordinate enterprise and an authorized organization in the exercise of the powers specified in Part 2 of this Article shall be exercised by the federal executive body in the sphere of internal affairs and its territorial bodies in the form of inspections for compliance with the requirements for the provision of such assistance established by the federal executive body in the sphere of internal affairs.

9. Decisions and (or) actions (inaction) of employees of a subordinate enterprise and an authorized organization providing assistance in the exercise of the powers specified in Part 2 of this Article may be appealed to the federal executive body in the sphere of internal affairs and (or) its territorial bodies or to a court.

### **Article 30. Powers of the federal executive authority of international relations and diplomatic missions and consular offices**

Federal executive authority of international relations and diplomatic missions and consular offices:

1) establish the fact of presence or absence of citizenship of the Russian Federation for persons outside the Russian Federation;

2) issue documents certifying citizenship of the Russian Federation to citizens of the Russian Federation who are outside the Russian Federation;

3) make decisions on registration of citizenship of the Russian Federation acquired by birth on applications of citizens of the Russian Federation, foreign citizens and stateless persons who are outside the Russian Federation;

4) accept and consider applications submitted outside the Russian Federation for recognition as a citizen of the Russian Federation, for renunciation of citizenship of the Russian Federation, for admission to citizenship of the Russian Federation in an exceptional manner, for admission to citizenship of the Russian Federation of a child or an incapacitated person, as well as other persons in cases provided by this Federal Law, an enactment of the President of the Russian Federation or an international treaty of the Russian Federation;

5) take decisions on the recognition as citizens of the Russian Federation of persons specified in point 1, Part 1 of Article 19, Part 3 of Article 44 of this Federal Law, on the admission to citizenship of the Russian Federation of persons specified in Parts 7 and 8 of Article 16, Part 1 of Article 43, Part 1 of Article 44 of this Federal Law, on the admission to citizenship of the Russian Federation of a child or an incapacitated person, as well as other persons in cases provided by an enactment of the President of the Russian Federation or an international treaty of the Russian Federation;

6) issue conclusions on applications for the renunciation of citizenship of the Russian Federation of a child for whom guardianship or custody of foreign citizens or a foreign citizen has been established or who has been adopted by foreign citizens or a foreign citizen, or of an incapacitated person for whom guardianship of a foreign citizen has been established, submitted by foreign citizens who are guardians or custodians or adoptive parents of a child or an incapacitated person outside the Russian Federation, to send these conclusions with the necessary materials to the President of the Russian Federation;

7) take decisions on the termination of citizenship of the Russian Federation by reasons provided for by point 1 and subparagraph "a" of point 2, Part 1 of Article 22 of this Federal Law;

8) in coordination with the President of the Russian Federation take decisions on admission to

citizenship of the Russian Federation in accordance with Part 1 of Article 44 of this Federal Law in the presence of circumstances provided by subparagraphs "b", "f" - "j" of point 1, points 2 and 3 of Article 18, Part 2 of Article 44 of this Federal Law, as well as decisions on termination of citizenship of the Russian Federation by reasons provided for by point 3, Part 1 of Article 22 of this Federal Law;

9) verify the information provided by the applicant when submitting an application on issues of citizenship of the Russian Federation and the documents submitted by him/her and, if necessary, request and obtain from the relevant state authorities and organizations additional information, including information constituting banking, tax or other secrecy protected by law;

10) ensure the execution of decisions on issues of citizenship of the Russian Federation in respect of citizens of the Russian Federation, foreign citizens and stateless persons who are outside the Russian Federation;

11) keep personal records of persons in respect of whom diplomatic missions and consular offices have taken decisions on admission to citizenship of the Russian Federation, on recognition as a citizen of the Russian Federation, on termination of citizenship of the Russian Federation, persons who have submitted notifications provided for by Article 11 of this Federal Law outside the Russian Federation, and also send relevant information to the federal executive authority of internal affairs for the purpose of maintaining statistical records of such persons in accordance with the procedure established by the federal executive authority body of internal affairs jointly with the federal executive authority of international relations;

12) accept outside the Russian Federation from citizens of the Russian Federation notifications provided for by Article 11 of this Federal Law.

### **Article 31. Collection, processing and storage of information on citizens of the Russian Federation, foreign nationals and stateless persons by authorities in charge of issues concerning citizenship of the Russian Federation**

1. Authorities in charge of issues concerning citizenship of the Russian Federation have the right to collect, process and store the following information on citizens of the Russian Federation, on foreign citizens and on stateless persons who have submitted applications on the issues of citizenship of the Russian Federation, notifications provided by Article 11 of this Federal Law:

1) personal data (surname, name, patronymic, date, place of birth, sex, address of place of residence or place of stay, citizenship or lack of citizenship, details of identity document, insurance number of individual personal account (if any), taxpayer identification number (if any), personal data of parents or other relatives and (or) legal representatives;

2) information about registration with the tax authority;

3) information about the existence of debts in accordance with the tax and fees legislation of the Russian Federation, the legislation of the Russian Federation on enforcement proceedings;

4) information about criminal or administrative prosecution;

5) information about citizenship (including grounds for acquiring citizenship of the Russian Federation, for termination of citizenship of the Russian Federation, existence of citizenship (nationality) of a foreign state);

6) other information necessary for making decisions on issues of citizenship of the Russian Federation.

2. Collection of information on citizens of the Russian Federation, on foreign citizens and on stateless persons who have submitted applications on issues of citizenship of the Russian Federation, notifications provided by Article 11 of this Federal Law are carried out by the authorities in charge of issues concerning citizenship of the Russian Federation by obtaining the mentioned information directly from the applicants, as well as from state authorities, local self-government authorities and organizations of the Russian Federation or foreign states.

3. Authorities in charge of issues concerning citizenship of the Russian Federation shall collect, process and store (including through the information systems) the information provided by this Article in

accordance with the legislation of the Russian Federation by the procedure established by a legal act of the President of the Russian Federation.

## **Chapter 6. Proceedings on cases of citizenship of the Russian Federation**

### **Article 32. Application on issues of citizenship of the Russian Federation**

1. The form of the application on issues of citizenship of the Russian Federation and the list of information and necessary documents to be indicated in this application in relation to specific reasons for acquisition or termination of citizenship of the Russian Federation are established in accordance with the Regulation of the procedure for consideration of issues of citizenship of the Russian Federation.

2. An application on issues of citizenship of the Russian Federation shall be submitted by citizen of the Russian Federation, a foreign citizen or a stateless person having registration at the place of residence or place of stay in the Russian Federation to the territorial authority of the federal executive authority of internal affairs at the place of residence or place of stay of the applicant directly or through the authorized enterprise or authorized organization.

3. An application on issues of citizenship of the Russian Federation shall be submitted by a foreign citizen or stateless person residing in the Russian Federation and having the status of a participant of the State Program on Assisting Voluntary Resettlement of Compatriots Living Abroad to the Russian Federation or the status of a family member of a participant of the mentioned State Program to the territorial authority of the federal executive authority of internal affairs at the place of residence, place of stay or place of actual residence of the applicant on the territory of the subject of the Russian Federation chosen for resettlement directly or through the authorized enterprise or authorized organization.

4. An application on issues of citizenship of the Russian Federation shall be submitted by a citizen of the Russian Federation, a foreign citizen or a stateless person who is not registered at the place of residence or place of stay, to the territorial authority of the federal executive authority of internal affairs at the place of the applicant's actual residence in the Russian Federation directly or through the authorized enterprise or authorized organization.

5. An application for recognition as a citizen of the Russian Federation, an application for admission to citizenship of the Russian Federation on the basis of a decision of the President of the Russian Federation or an international treaty of the Russian Federation (if the relevant procedure is established by a decision of the President of the Russian Federation or an international treaty of the Russian Federation), for admission to citizenship of the Russian Federation on exceptional manner or on the basis of Parts 7 and 8 of Article 16, Part 1 of Article 44 of this Federal Law, an application for admission to citizenship of the Russian Federation of a child or an incapacitated person, an application for renunciation of citizenship of the Russian Federation is submitted accordingly by a foreign citizen, a stateless person, a citizen of the Russian Federation who is outside the Russian Federation, to diplomatic missions or consular offices.

6. An application on issues of citizenship of the Russian Federation shall be submitted by the applicant in person. In case if the applicant is unable to submit the application in person due to circumstances of an exceptional nature and confirmed by documentation, the application and the necessary documents may be submitted for consideration through another person. In this case the authenticity of the applicant's signature and the conformity of the copies of the documents attached to the application with the originals of these documents shall be notarized in accordance with the legislation of the Russian Federation. The authenticity of the signature of a foreign citizen, stateless person or citizen of the Russian Federation who is outside the Russian Federation shall be certified by an authorized official of a diplomatic mission or consular office.

7. An application for change of citizenship of a child or an incapacitated person shall be submitted by a parent (adoptive parent) or other legal representative of the child or legal representative of the incapacitated person at the place of residence, place of stay or place of actual residence of the applicant or at the place of residence or place of stay of the child or the incapacitated person.

8. An application on issues of citizenship of the Russian Federation shall not be accepted for consideration if it contains typos, misprints or other technical errors and shall be returned to the applicant.

9. An application on issues of citizenship of the Russian Federation is deemed to be accepted for consideration if all necessary and duly executed documents are available from the date of:

1) submission of the application in person by the applicant;

2) receipt of the application by the authority of affairs concerning citizenship of the Russian Federation in case of its transfer through another person, including through authorized enterprise or authorized organization.

10. During submitting an application for admission to citizenship of the Russian Federation or recognition as a citizen of the Russian Federation on the territory of the Russian Federation a foreign citizen or stateless person takes the mandatory state dactyloscopy registration in accordance with the Federal Law of 25 July 1998 N 128-FZ "On State Dactyloscopy Registration in the Russian Federation". Mandatory state dactyloscopy registration of a person when he submits an application for admission to citizenship of the Russian Federation or for recognition as a citizen of the Russian Federation outside the Russian Federation is carried out in accordance with the above Federal Law in the case of issuance of a passport to this person.

### **Article 33. Specificities of Submitting an Application on Admission to the Citizenship of the Russian Federation on Exceptional Basis**

1. The federal executive authority, or the chief official of a subject of the Russian Federation, or the Autonomous Nonprofit Organization "Russia – Land of Opportunities" that filed a request with the President of the Russian Federation for admission of a foreign citizen or stateless person to citizenship of the Russian Federation on exceptional basis shall forward the notification on such request, depending on the place of residence of the foreign citizen or the stateless person, to the federal executive authority for internal affairs or federal executive authority for international affairs.

2. The federal executive authority for internal affairs or federal executive authority for international affairs that received the notification stated in Part 1 of this Article arranges for the acceptance of the application of the foreign citizen or stateless person and sends the application attaching the documents submitted by the foreign citizen or stateless person to the federal executive authority or the chief official of a subject of the Russian Federation, or to Autonomous Nonprofit Organization "Russia – Land of Opportunities".

3. The federal executive authority, or the chief official of a subject of the Russian Federation, or Autonomous Nonprofit Organization "Russia – Land of Opportunities" shall file a request to admit to citizenship of the Russian Federation on exceptional basis with the President of the Russian Federation attaching the application of the foreign citizen or stateless person.

4. The request mentioned in Part 3 of this Article shall be reasonable and substantiated and contain information about the special merits of the foreign citizen or stateless person to the Russian Federation. Such merits are outstanding accomplishments in the sphere of culture and humanities, science, engineering, production, sports, a significant contribution to the development of society and economy, ensuring the defence capability and security of the Russian Federation, winning in a Russian national contest held by the Autonomous Nonprofit Organization "Russia – Land of Opportunities", or indicate the profession or qualifications that are held by the foreign citizen or stateless person and are of interest to the Russian Federation, as well as any other information necessary to justify the request.

### **Article 34. Termination of consideration of an application on the issues of citizenship of the Russian Federation**

Consideration of an application on the issues of citizenship of the Russian Federation may be terminated by decision of the authority of affairs concerning citizenship of the Russian Federation:

1) in case of death of the applicant during the period of consideration of his application, recognition

of the applicant as missing in accordance with the established procedure or declaration of his death, except for the case if the application contains a request for admission of his/her children to the citizenship of the Russian Federation;

2) on the basis of a personal appeal of the applicant.

### **Article 35. Admission of Reapplications regarding Citizenship of the Russian Federation**

1. A person for whom a decision was made to reject the application on the issues of citizenship of the Russian Federation under subparagraphs “b” - “j” of point 1, point 3 of Article 18, points 1 and 3 of Part 2, Article 19, Part 4 of Article 23, Parts 2 and 4 of Article 44 of this Federal Law or to terminate citizenship of the Russian Federation on the grounds stipulated by subparagraph “a” of point 2, Part 1 of Article 22 of this Federal Law has the right to file another application on the issues of citizenship of the Russian Federation if the circumstances giving rise to the corresponding decision on the issues of citizenship are eliminated.

2. A person for whom a decision was made to reject the application on the issues of citizenship of the Russian Federation under subparagraph “a” of point 1, point 2 of Article 18, point 2 of Part 2, Article 19 of this Federal Law or to terminate citizenship of the Russian Federation on the grounds stipulated by point 3, Part 1 of Article 22 of this Federal Law has the right to file another application on the issues of citizenship of the Russian Federation not earlier than one year from the date of the decision to reject such an application or to terminate citizenship of the Russian Federation.

3. A person for whom a decision was made to terminate citizenship of the Russian Federation under subparagraph “b” of point 2, Part 1 of Article 22 of this Federal Law may file another application on admission to citizenship of the Russian Federation not earlier than three years after the decision to terminate citizenship of the Russian Federation.

### **Article 36. Collection of state duty and consular fees**

1. During the submitting an application for admission to citizenship of the Russian Federation or for renunciation of citizenship of the Russian Federation, an application to establish the fact of presence or absence of citizenship of the Russian Federation in the territory of the Russian Federation, the state duty is charged in the amount and in accordance with the procedure established by the taxes and fees legislation of the Russian Federation.

2. During submitting applications specified in Part 1 of this Article outside the Russian Federation, consular fees and charges on account of reimbursement of actual expenses are paid in the amounts established in accordance with the legislation of the Russian Federation which determines the legal basis for the implementation of consular activities.

3. In case of rejection of an application on the issues of citizenship of the Russian Federation, the state duty, consular fee and fees on account of reimbursement of actual expenses are not returned to the applicant.

### **Article 37. Types, Terms and Procedures of Decisions on the Issues of Citizenship of the Russian Federation**

1. Subject to this Federal Law, authorities in charge of issues concerning citizenship of the Russian Federation make the following decisions:

- 1) on documenting citizenship of the Russian Federation obtained by birth;
- 2) on establishing the fact of presence or absence of citizenship of the Russian Federation;
- 3) on admission to the citizenship of the Russian Federation;
- 4) on recognition as a citizen of the Russian Federation;
- 5) on termination of citizenship of the Russian Federation;

6) on denial of application on the issues of citizenship of the Russian Federation;

7) on termination of consideration of application on the issues of citizenship of the Russian Federation.

2. Decision on citizenship of the Russian Federation regarding application on the issues of citizenship of the Russian Federation filed with a territorial authority of the federal executive authority for internal affairs shall be made within three months on receipt of such application for consideration.

3. The time mentioned in Part 2 of this Article may be extended for a period required for checking the documents submitted by the applicant and the information provided during the submission of the application on the issues of citizenship of the Russian Federation and for obtaining any additional documents and evidence, including in the case of the need to clarify facts indicating the existence of grounds for rejection of application for Russian Federation citizenship under subparagraphs "a" - "f" of point 1, Article 18 of this Federal Law, as well as for approval of decisions on issues of citizenship of the Russian Federation by the President of the Russian Federation when required by this Federal Law but for no longer than three months.

4. Decisions on issues of citizenship of the Russian Federation regarding the application for citizenship of the Russian Federation filed with a diplomatic mission or consular office of the Russian Federation shall be made within six months on receipt of such applications for consideration.

5. The President of the Russian Federation shall make a decision on citizenship of the Russian Federation within one year from the date of submitting the application for citizenship of the Russian Federation on exceptional basis or application for the termination of citizenship of the Russian Federation.

6. Where a child reaches the age of eighteen while his application for admission to citizenship of the Russian Federation is under consideration, such application shall be considered in accordance with a procedure established for consideration of child's application on admission to citizenship of the Russian Federation.

7. Where a foreign citizen or stateless person loses a participant status of the State Program to Assist Compatriots Residing Abroad in the Voluntary Resettlement to the Russian Federation or the status of a family member of a participant of this State Program while their application for citizenship of the Russian Federation is under consideration in accordance with Part 3 of Article 16 of this Federal Law, such request is subject to consideration in accordance with the established procedure, provided that no reasons arise for denying application on admission to citizenship of the Russian Federation mentioned by Article 18 of this Federal Law.

8. A decision on admission to citizenship of the Russian Federation takes legal effect as of the date when the person takes the Oath of a Citizen of the Russian Federation. Where a person fails to take the Oath of a Citizen of the Russian Federation within one year from the date of making the decision on admission to citizenship of the Russian Federation such decision is deemed null and void from its date.

9. Other decisions on citizenship of the Russian Federation, including decisions on admission to citizenship of the Russian Federation where this Federal Law or a decision of the President of the Russian Federation dispense a person with the Oath of a Citizen of the Russian Federation, shall take legal effect on the date they were made.

10. Prior to accepting an application for recognition as a citizen of the Russian Federation or admission to the citizenship of the Russian Federation from an applicant who does not have a valid identification document, their identity shall be ascertained subject to legislation of the Russian Federation.

11. Decision on citizenship of the Russian Federation shall be made in writing and substantiate the grounds of making it.

12. Authorities in charge of issues concerning citizenship of the Russian Federation accepting for consideration applications on issues of citizenship of the Russian Federation notify the stakeholders on their decisions and hand in relevant documents to such persons within the time specified by the Regulation on the procedure for consideration of the issues of citizenship of the Russian Federation.

13. The procedure for interaction among federal state authorities for checking the applicant's documents and information attached to his application on issues of citizenship of the Russian Federation,

procedure for implementing decisions on the issues of citizenship of the Russian Federation are provided for by the Regulation on the procedure for consideration of the issues of citizenship of the Russian Federation.

**Article 38. Appeal of the decisions on issues of citizenship of the Russian Federation, actions (inaction) of authorities in charge of issues concerning citizenship of citizenship of the Russian Federation and their officials**

1. Decisions on issues of citizenship of the Russian Federation, actions (inaction) of the authorities in charge of issues concerning of citizenship of the Russian Federation and their officials may be appealed in the manner prescribed by the legislation of the Russian Federation.

2. Decisions on issues of citizenship of the Russian Federation, actions (inaction) related to the consideration of issues of citizenship of the Russian Federation, which are taken or committed by territorial authorities of the federal executive authority of internal affairs or their officials, may be appealed to a higher authority, a higher official in the order of subordination or to a court.

3. In case of appeal of decisions, actions (inaction) provided by Part 2 of this Article to a higher authority, higher official in the order of subordination, the complaint is submitted through the authority or its official, the decision, action (inaction) of which is being appealed, within three months from the day when the person became aware of the violation of his rights, freedoms and legitimate interests. The authority, the official, the decision, action (inaction) of which is being appealed, are obliged to send the complaint together with the materials available on the issue resolved by them, to a higher authority or a higher official authorized to consider the complaint within three working days.

4. Based on the results of consideration of a complaint specified in Part 3 of this Article, a higher authority or a higher official makes of the following decisions no later than thirty days from the date of receipt of the mentioned complaint with the materials available on the resolved issue:

- 1) about rejection of the complaint;
- 2) to cancel a decision on issues of citizenship of the Russian Federation;
- 3) on changing the decision on issues of citizenship of the Russian Federation;
- 4) to cancel the decision on issues of citizenship of the Russian Federation in whole or in part and to adopt a new decision;
- 5) to recognize an action (inaction) as illegal.

5. In case of adoption of the decision provided for by point 5 of Part 4 of this Article, an authority or an official shall have the right to independently take actions necessary to eliminate of identified violations of the law and (or) restore the rights of a person who filed a complaint specified in Part 3 of this Article, or to impose on an authority or its official, whose action (inaction) is recognized as illegal, the obligation to take measures to eliminate identified violations of the law and (or) restore the rights of a person who filed the mentioned complaint.

6. Decisions of the higher authorities and officials in the order of subordination, adopted as a result of consideration of complaints referred to in Part 3 of this Article, can be appealed to the court.

7. The procedure for filing and considering complaints against decisions on issues of citizenship of the Russian Federation, actions (inaction) related to the consideration of issues of citizenship of the Russian Federation, which were adopted or committed by the territorial authorities of the federal executive authority of internal affairs or their officials, as well as the form and requirements for the content of such complaints are established by the Regulation on the procedure for consideration of issues of citizenship of the Russian Federation.

**Article 39. Date of Acquisition or Termination of Citizenship of the Russian Federation**

1. The citizenship of the Russian Federation is acquired from the birth date of a child subject to Article 13 of this Federal Law.

2. The date of acquiring citizenship of the Russian Federation under Article 19 of this Federal Law

is 6 February 1992.

3. The date of acquiring citizenship of the Russian Federation under Part 3 of Article 44 of this Federal Law is one of the following dates, whichever is earlier:

1) the date of a record of citizenship of the Russian Federation in a passport of a citizen of the USSR or birth certificate (if any);

2) date of issuing an attachment to a passport of a citizen of the USSR, soldier identity document (military service card), or a birth certificate in witness of the holder's citizenship of the Russian Federation (if any);

3) the date of first issuance of a passport of a citizen of the Russian Federation (where documents mentioned in points 1 and 2 of this Part are unavailable).

4. In other cases, citizenship of the Russian Federation is acquired on the effective date of a decision on admission to citizenship of the Russian Federation.

5. Citizenship of the Russian Federation shall terminate on the date of a relevant decision made by the authority of affairs concerning citizenship of the Russian Federation.

#### **Article 40. Establishment of the fact of presence or absence of citizenship of the Russian Federation**

1. The federal executive authority of internal affairs and its territorial authorities, the federal executive authority of international relations, diplomatic missions and consular offices shall verify whether or not a person has citizenship of the Russian Federation upon his application to establish the fact of presence or absence of citizenship of the Russian Federation.

2. Verification of the presence or absence of citizenship of the Russian may be carried out by the federal executive authority of internal affairs and its territorial authorities, the federal executive authority of international relations, diplomatic missions and consular offices on their own initiative if they receive information indicating a violation of the procedure for the acquisition or termination of citizenship of the Russian Federation or the absence of information on the acquisition of citizenship of the Russian Federation by a person who received a passport, as well as in connection with the implementation of international treaties of the Russian Federation on readmission and in other cases, if establishing the fact of the presence or absence of citizenship of the Russian Federation is necessary for the implementation of powers of state authorities of the Russian Federation provided for by the legislation of the Russian Federation.

3. Decisions on the results of the verification of the presence or absence of citizenship of the Russian Federation shall be formalized in the form of a motivated conclusion. An extract from this conclusion shall be handed over or sent to the person in respect of whom the mentioned verification was conducted within three working days from the date of receipt by the authority in charge of affairs on citizenship of the Russian Federation of the person's request for providing such an extract. A person whose citizenship of the Russian Federation has been confirmed shall be issued a corresponding document if he does not have a document certifying citizenship of the Russian Federation.

4. The procedure for verifying of the fact of presence or absence of citizenship of the Russian Federation, the form of the conclusion on establishing the fact of presence or absence of citizenship of the Russian Federation, the procedure for recording these conclusions and the terms of their storage shall be established by the federal executive authority of internal affairs jointly with the federal executive authority of international relations.

5. Information on the establishment of the fact of presence or absence of citizenship of the Russian Federation is entered into the database of the federal executive authority of internal affairs, is included in the data on an individual to be entered into the unified federal information register containing information on the population of the Russian Federation in accordance with the Federal Law of 8 June 2020 N 168-FZ "On the unified federal information register containing information on the population of the Russian Federation".

6. The federal executive authority of internal affairs and the federal executive authority of

international relations determine the lists of officials authorized to make decisions on conducting a verification of the fact of presence or absence of citizenship of the Russian Federation and to approve conclusions on establishing of presence or absence of citizenship of the Russian Federation, as well as determine the procedure for interaction when conducting a verification of fact whether or not a person has citizenship of the Russian Federation.

## **Chapter 7. Final Provisions**

### **Article 41. Validity of Documents Issued in Accordance with the Previously Applicable Legislation on Citizenship of the Russian Federation**

Any documents issued in accordance with the previously applicable legislation on citizenship of the Russian Federation shall remain in effect, if valid as of the effective date of this Federal Law.

### **Article 42. Consideration of Applications on Issues of Citizenship of the Russian Federation Accepted for Consideration before the Day of Entry into Force of this Federal Law**

Consideration of applications on issues of citizenship of the Russian Federation accepted for consideration before the day of entry into force of this Federal Law and making decisions on such applications are carried out in accordance with the legislation of the Russian Federation on citizenship in force at the time of acceptance for consideration of such applications, including with regard to the reasons for acquisition or termination of citizenship of the Russian Federation and the competence of authorities in charge of issues concerning citizenship of the Russian Federation.

### **Article 43. Transitional Provisions regarding Stateless Persons Who Were Citizens of USSR**

1. Legally capable stateless persons who reached the age of eighteen and who had the citizenship of the USSR, resided and reside in the states that were part of the USSR and have not received the citizenship of such states may, within one year from the date of entry into force of this Federal Law, apply for citizenship of the Russian Federation to a diplomatic mission or consular office of the Russian Federation on the ground provided in point 8, Part 2 of Article 16 of this Federal Law, without reference to the requirements provided in points 1 and 3, Part 1 of Article 15 of this Federal Law.

2. The form of an application for admission to citizenship of the Russian Federation for the persons mentioned in Part 1 of this Article, list of information to be included in the application, documents to be attached, and application submission procedure are established by the President of the Russian Federation.

3. Decision on the results of considering applications mentioned in Part 1 of this Article are made in accordance with Part 3 of Article 14 of this Federal Law by diplomatic missions or consular offices of the Russian Federation as established by this Federal Law and the Regulation on the procedure for consideration of the issues of citizenship of the Russian Federation.

### **Article 44. Transitional Provisions regarding Foreign Citizens and Stateless Persons Who Have Received a Passport of the Russian Federation without Acquiring Citizenship of the Russian Federation**

1. Legally capable foreign citizens who reached the age of eighteen may apply for citizenship of the Russian Federation without reference to the requirements of points 1–3, Part 1 of Article 15 of this Federal Law, where, prior to the date of entry into force of this Federal Law, such citizens received a passport or other document indicating citizenship of the Russian Federation but not acquired citizenship of the Russian Federation as per established procedure.

2. Applications on admission to citizenship of the Russian Federation submitted in accordance with Part 1 of this Article shall be denied where:

1) there are reasons to deny applications on admission to citizenship of the Russian Federation stipulated by Article 18 of this Federal Law;

2) a passport or other document indicating citizenship of the Russian Federation was issued on grounds of deliberately false information provided by the applicant, or was issued on a lost or stolen blank passport or document indicating citizenship of the Russian Federation, of which the person applying to admission for citizenship of the Russian Federation was aware.

3. In accordance with to Article 19 of this Federal law, <the following persons> may be recognized as citizens of the Russian Federation:

1) a person who received a passport or other document indicating citizenship of the Russian Federation prior to the effective date of this Federal Law but did not acquire citizenship of the Russian Federation as per established procedure, where such person did not or does not have citizenship (nationality) of a foreign state;

2) son or daughter of a person mentioned in point 1 of this Part, including those who reached the age of eighteen, who was issued documents indicating citizenship of the Russian Federation, or whose information was indicated in a passport or other document indicating citizenship of the Russian Federation of a person mentioned in point 1 of this Part.

4. Applications for recognition as a citizen of the Russian Federation submitted subject to Part 3 of this Article shall be denied where:

1) there are reasons provided for by subparagraphs "a" – "e" and "j" of point 1, points 2 and 3 of Article 18 of this Federal Law;

2) passport or other document indicating citizenship of the Russian Federation was issued on grounds of deliberately false information provided by the applicant or was issued on a lost or stolen blank passport or document indicating citizenship of the Russian Federation, of which the person applying to admission for citizenship of the Russian Federation was aware.

#### **Article 45. Transitional Provisions Regarding the Submission by a Citizen of the Russian Federation of a Notification of Acquisition of Citizenship (Nationality) of a Foreign State or a Residence Permit or Other Document Confirming the Right of Permanent Residence of a Citizen of the Russian Federation on the Territory of a Foreign State**

1. If on the day of entry into force of this Federal Law a citizen of the Russian Federation who has citizenship (nationality) of a foreign state or a residence permit or other document confirming the right of permanent residence of a citizen of the Russian Federation on the territory of a foreign state has not submitted a notification of the presence of another citizenship or a document confirming the right of permanent residence in a foreign state, and the deadline for filing such a notification or document established by Article 6 of Federal Law of 31 May 2002 N 62-FZ "On citizenship of the Russian Federation" has not expired, this citizen of the Russian Federation is obliged to submit a notification on the acquisition of citizenship (nationality) of a foreign state within sixty calendar days after the date of entry into force of this Federal Law.

2. Citizens of the Russian Federation are exempt from the obligation to submit a notification on acquisition of citizenship (nationality) of a foreign state if the notification containing information on the presence of citizenship of a foreign state was previously submitted by them in accordance with Article 6 of the Federal Law of 31 May 31 2002 N 62-FZ "On citizenship of the Russian Federation".

#### **Article 46. On the recognition as invalid of certain legislative acts (provisions of legislative acts) of the Russian Federation**

To recognize as invalid:

1) The Law of the RSFSR of 28 November 1991 N 1948-I "On Citizenship of the RSFSR" (Statements of the Congress of People's Deputies of the Russian Federation and the Supreme Soviet of the Russian Federation, 1992, N 6, Art. 243);

2) The Resolution of the Supreme Soviet of the Russian Federation of 23 January 1992 N 2240-I "On the Law of the RSFSR "On Citizenship of the RSFSR";

3) The Law of the Russian Federation of 17 June 1993 N 5206-I "On Amendments and Additions to the Law of the RSFSR "On Citizenship of the RSFSR" (Statements of the Congress of People's Deputies of the Russian Federation and the Supreme Soviet of the Russian Federation, 1993, N 29, Art. 1112);

4) The Resolution of the Supreme Soviet of the Russian Federation of 17 June 1993 N 5206/1-I "On enactment of the Law of the Russian Federation "On Amendments and Additions to the Law of the RSFSR "On Citizenship of the RSFSR" (Statements of the Congress of People's Deputies of the Russian Federation and the Supreme Soviet of the Russian Federation, 1993, N 29, Art. 1113);

5) The Federal Law of 31 May 2002 N 62-FZ "On citizenship of the Russian Federation" (Collection of Legislation of the Russian Federation, 2002, N 22, Art. 2031);

6) The Federal Law of 11 November 2003 N 151-FZ "On Amendments and Additions to the Federal Law "On citizenship of the Russian Federation" (Collection of Legislation of the Russian Federation, 2003, N 46, Art. 4447);

7) The Article 20 of the Federal Law of 2 November 2004 N 127-FZ "On Amendments to Parts One and Two of the Tax Code of the Russian Federation and some other legislative acts of the Russian Federation, as well as on the invalidation of certain legislative acts (provisions of legislative acts) of the Russian Federation" (Collection of Legislation of the Russian Federation, 2004, N 45, Art. 4377);

8) The Federal Law of 3 January 2006 N 5-FZ "On Amending Article 14 of the Federal Law "On citizenship of the Russian Federation" (Collection of Legislation of the Russian Federation, 2006, N 2, Art. 170);

9) The Article 12 of the Federal Law of 18 July 2006 N 121-FZ "On Amendments to Certain Legislative Acts of the Russian Federation on Improving State Management of Migration" (Collection of Legislation of the Russian Federation, 2006, N 31, Art. 3420);

10) The Federal Law of 1 December 2007 N 296-FZ "On Amending Article 14 of the Federal Law "On citizenship of the Russian Federation" (Collection of Legislation of the Russian Federation, 2007, N 49, Art. 6057);

11) The Article 4 of the Federal Law of 4 December 2007 N 328-FZ "On Amendments to Certain Legislative Acts of the Russian Federation on the issue of military service by foreign citizens and persons with dual citizenship" (Collection of Legislation of the Russian Federation, 2007, N 50, Art. 6241);

12) The Federal Law of 1 October 2008 N 163-FZ "On Amendments to Article 14 of the Federal Law "On citizenship of the Russian Federation" (Collection of Legislation of the Russian Federation, 2008, N 40, Art. 4498);

13) The Federal Law of 30 December 2008 N 301-FZ "On Amending Article 14 of the Federal Law "On citizenship of the Russian Federation" (Collection of Legislation of the Russian Federation, 2009, N 1, Art. 9);

14) The Article 2 of the Federal Law of 28 June 2009 N 127-FZ "On Amendments to Articles 6 and 7 of the Federal Law "On the Legal Status of Foreign Citizens in the Russian Federation" and Article 14 of the Federal Law "On citizenship of the Russian Federation" (Collection of Legislation of the Russian Federation, 2009, N 26, Art. 3125);

15) The Federal Law of 12 November 2012 N 182-FZ "On Amendments to the Federal Law "On citizenship of the Russian Federation" (Collection of Legislation of the Russian Federation, 2012, N 47, Art. 6393);

16) The Article 1 of the Federal Law of 2 July 2013 N 169-FZ "On Amendments to Article 14 of the Federal Law "On citizenship of the Russian Federation" and Articles 7 and 9 of the Federal Law "On the Legal Status of Foreign Citizens in the Russian Federation" (Collection of Legislation of the Russian Federation, 2013, N 27, Art. 3461);

17) The Federal Law of 2 November 2013 N 299-FZ "On Amendments to Article 16 of the Federal Law "On citizenship of the Russian Federation" (Collection of Legislation of the Russian Federation, 2013, N 44, Art. 5638);

18) The Article 1 of the Federal Law of 20 April 2014 N 71-FZ "On Amendments to the Federal Law "On citizenship of the Russian Federation" and Certain Legislative Acts of the Russian Federation" (Collection of Legislation of the Russian Federation, 2014, N 16, Art. 1828);

19) The Federal Law of 20 April 2014 N 72-FZ "On Amendments to Articles 14 and 27 of the Federal Law "On citizenship of the Russian Federation" (Collection of Legislation of the Russian Federation, 2014, N 16, Art. 1829);

20) The Article 1 of the Federal Law of 4 June 2014 N 142-FZ "On Amendments to Articles 6 and 30 of the Federal Law "On citizenship of the Russian Federation" and Certain Legislative Acts of the Russian Federation" (Collection of Legislation of the Russian Federation, 2014, N 23, Art. 2927);

21) The Federal Law of 23 June 2014 N 157-FZ "On Amendments to the Federal Law "On citizenship of the Russian Federation" (Collection of Legislation of the Russian Federation, 2014, N 26, Art. 3363);

22) The Article 20 of the Federal Law of 14 October 2014 N 307-FZ "On Amendments to the Code of the Russian Federation on Administrative Offenses and Certain Legislative Acts of the Russian Federation and on the Annulment of Certain Provisions of Legislative Acts of the Russian Federation in Connection with the Clarification of the Powers of State Authorities and Municipal Authorities with Respect to the Implementation of State Control (Supervision) and Municipal Control" (Collection of Legislation of the Russian Federation, 2014, N 42, Art. 5615);

23) The Federal Law of 31 December 2014 N 507-FZ "On Amendments to Article 6 of the Federal Law "On citizenship of the Russian Federation" (Collection of Legislation of the Russian Federation, 2015, N 1, Art. 60);

24) The Federal Law of 1 May 2016 N 124-FZ "On Amendments to Articles 14 and 30 of the Federal Law "On citizenship of the Russian Federation" (Collection of Legislation of the Russian Federation, 2016, N 18, Art. 2500);

25) The Article 1 of the Federal Law of 29 July 2017 N 243-FZ "On Amendments to the Federal Law "On citizenship of the Russian Federation" and Articles 8 and 14 of the Federal Law "On the Legal Status of Foreign Citizens in the Russian Federation" (Collection of Legislation of the Russian Federation, 2017, N 31, Art. 4792);

26) The Article 7 of the Federal Law of 27 December 2018 N 528-FZ "On Amendments to Certain Legislative Acts of the Russian Federation and the invalidation of point 2, Part 2 of Article 22 of the Federal Law "On Territories of Advanced Socio-Economic Development in the Russian Federation" in connection with the reorganization of the state administration of migration and of internal affairs" (Collection of Legislation of the Russian Federation, 2018, N 53, Art. 8454);

27) The Federal Law of 27 December 2018 N 544-FZ "On Amendments to the Federal Law "On citizenship of the Russian Federation" (Collection of Legislation of the Russian Federation, 2018, N 53, Art. 8470);

28) The Federal Law of 3 July 2019 N 165-FZ "On Amending Article 14 of the Federal Law "On citizenship of the Russian Federation" (Collection of Legislation of the Russian Federation, 2019, N 27, Art. 3530);

29) The Federal Law of 18 July 2019 N 188-FZ "On Amendments to Article 6 of the Federal Law "On citizenship of the Russian Federation" (Collection of Legislation of the Russian Federation, 2019, N 29, Art. 3855);

30) The Article 13 of the Federal Law of 26 July 2019 N 232-FZ "On Amendments to the Federal Law "On Education in the Russian Federation" and certain legislative acts of the Russian Federation in connection with changes in the structure of federal executive authorities exercising powers of education and science" (Collection of Legislation of the Russian Federation, 2019, N 30, Art. 4134);

31) The Federal Law of 26 July 2019 N 236-FZ "On Amendments to the Federal Law "On citizenship

of the Russian Federation" and Article 3 of the Federal Law "On Amendments to the Federal Law "On citizenship of the Russian Federation" (Collection of Legislation of the Russian Federation, 2019, N 30, Art. 4138);

32) The Federal Law of 18 March 2020 N 58-FZ "On Amendments to Article 33.1 of the Federal Law "On citizenship of the Russian Federation" (Collection of Legislation of the Russian Federation, 2020, N 12, Art. 1650);

33) The Federal Law of 18 March 2020 N 63-FZ "On Amendments to Articles 35 and 41.5 of the Federal Law "On citizenship of the Russian Federation" (Collection of Legislation of the Russian Federation, 2020, N 12, Art. 1655);

34) The Federal Law of 24 April 2020 N 134-FZ "On Amending the Federal Law "On citizenship of the Russian Federation" in terms of simplifying the procedure for admission to citizenship of the Russian Federation of foreign citizens and stateless persons" (Collection of Legislation of the Russian Federation, 2020, N 17, Art. 2712);

35) The Article 1 of the Federal Law of 13 July 2020 N 209-FZ "On Amendments to the Federal Law "On citizenship of the Russian Federation" and the Federal Law "On State Dactyloscopy Registration in the Russian Federation" (Collection of Legislation of the Russian Federation, 2020, N 29, Art. 4519);

36) The Article 5 of the Federal Law of 30 December 2020 N 517-FZ "On Amendments to the Federal Law "On Education in the Russian Federation" and Certain Legislative Acts of the Russian Federation" (Collected Legislation of the Russian Federation, 2021, N 1, Art. 56);

37) The Article 3 of the Federal Law of 24 September 2022 N 370-FZ "On Amendments to Certain Legislative Acts of the Russian Federation" (Collection of Legislation of the Russian Federation, 2022, N 39, Art. 6540);

38) The Article 3 of the Federal Law of 19 December 2022 N 538-FZ "On Amendments to Certain Legislative Acts of the Russian Federation" (Collection of Legislation of the Russian Federation, 2022, N 52, Art. 9368);

39) The Article 37 of the Federal Law of 28 December 2022 N 569-FZ "On Amendments to Certain Legislative Acts of the Russian Federation and Annulment of Certain Provisions of Legislative Acts of the Russian Federation" (Collection of Legislation of the Russian Federation, 2023, N 1, Art. 16).

#### **Article 47. Entry into force of this Federal Law**

This Federal Law shall enter into force one hundred and eighty days after the date of its official publication.

President of the Russian Federation

V. Putin

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