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**RUSSIAN FEDERATION**

**FEDERAL LAW**

**ON CITIZENSHIP OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION**

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**Chapter I. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**Article 1. Subject of regulation by the present Federal Law**

The present Federal Law comprises the principles of the Russian Federation citizenship and the rules governing relations connected to the Russian Federation citizenship, and establishes the grounds, conditions and procedure for the acquisition and termination of the citizenship of the Russian Federation.

**Article 2. Citizenship legislation of the Russian Federation**

The matters of citizenship of the Russian Federation are regulated by the Constitution of the Russian Federation, international treaties of the Russian Federation, the present Federal Law, as well as other regulatory acts of the Russian Federation enacted pursuant thereto.

**Article 3. Basic terms**

The following basic terms are used for the purposes of the present Federal Law:  
"Citizenship of the Russian Federation" means a stable legal relation of a person with the Russian Federation that manifests itself in an aggregate of their mutual rights and duties;

"Other citizenship" means the citizenship (allegiance) of a foreign state;

"Dual citizenship" means that a citizen of the Russian Federation has the citizenship (allegiance) of a foreign state;

"Foreign national" means a person who is not a citizen of the Russian Federation and who has the citizenship (allegiance) of a foreign state;

"Stateless person" means a person who is not a citizen of the Russian Federation and who has no proof of possessing the citizenship of a foreign state;

"Child" means a person under the age of 18;

"Residence" means a person's lawful residence within or outside the territory of the Russian Federation;

"Territory of the Russian Federation" means the territory of the Russian Federation within the State Border of the Russian Federation or the territory of the RSFSR within the administrative border of the RSFSR as of the day of the emergence of circumstances relevant to the acquisition or termination of the Russian Federation citizenship under the present Federal Law;

"General procedure for the acquisition or termination of the Russian Federation citizenship" means a procedure for considering citizenship matters and making decisions on the issues of the Russian Federation citizenship by the President of the Russian Federation in respect of persons subject to the general terms and conditions set out by the present Federal Law;

"Simplified procedure for acquisition or termination of the Russian Federation citizenship" means a procedure for considering citizenship matters and making decisions on the issues of the Russian Federation citizenship in respect of persons entitled to facilitated terms provided for by this Federal Law;

"Change of citizenship" means acquisition or termination of the Russian Federation citizenship;

"Residence permit" means a personal identity document of a stateless person, issued to the stateless person or the foreign national to certify permission for permanent residence in the territory of the Russian Federation, and certifying their right to freely exit and return to the Russian Federation.

#### **Article 4. Principles of the Russian Federation citizenship and the rules regulating the matters of the Russian Federation citizenship**

1. The principles of Russian Federation citizenship and the rules regulating the matters of the Russian Federation citizenship shall not contain provisions which restrict citizens' rights by virtue of social, racial, ethnic, language or religion belonging.

2. Citizenship of the Russian Federation is single and equal, irrespective of the grounds for its acquisition.

3. The Russian Federation citizen's residence outside the Russian Federation shall not terminate his/her Russian Federation citizenship.

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

5. A citizen of the Russian Federation shall not be exiled out of the Russian Federation or handed over to a foreign state.

6. The Russian Federation shall encourage the acquisition of the citizenship of the Russian Federation by stateless persons residing in the territory of the Russian Federation.

7. Possession by a person of the citizenship of the Russian Federation or the fact of previous possession of the USSR citizenship shall be determined on the basis of legislative acts of the Russian Federation, RSFSR or the USSR and international treaties of the Russian Federation, RSFSR or the USSR effective on the day of the emergence of circumstances to which the possession of the respective citizenship by the person is attributed.

## **Article 5. Citizens of the Russian Federation**

The following persons shall be citizens of the Russian Federation:

- a) Persons possessing the citizenship of the Russian Federation on the day of entry into force of this Federal Law;
- b) Persons who have acquired the citizenship of the Russian Federation in compliance with this Federal Law.

## **Article 6. Dual citizenship**

1. A citizen of the Russian Federation who also possesses another citizenship shall be regarded by the Russian Federation as a citizen of the Russian Federation only, except for the cases specified in an international treaty of the Russian Federation or federal law.

2. The acquisition of another citizenship by a citizen of the Russian Federation shall not entail termination of the citizenship of the Russian Federation.

## **Article 7. Protection and assistance to the citizens of the Russian Federation staying outside the Russian Federation**

1. The citizens of the Russian Federation outside the Russian Federation shall be granted protection and assistance by the Russian Federation.

2. State authorities of the Russian Federation, diplomatic missions and consular authorities of the Russian Federation outside the Russian Federation and their respective officials shall ensure that citizens of the Russian Federation be given the opportunity to fully exercise all the rights established by the Constitution of the Russian Federation, federal constitutional laws, federal laws, and generally accepted principles and rules of the international law, international treaties of the Russian Federation and by the laws and regulations of their host States, as well as the opportunity to protect their rights and legitimate interests.

3. Unless otherwise envisaged by an international treaty of the Russian Federation or federal law, citizen of the Russian Federation (except for the Russian Federation citizens permanently residing abroad) who also possesses another citizenship or a residence permit or any other valid document confirming the right to permanent residency in a foreign state, (hereinafter also – document entitling to permanent residency in a foreign state), shall give a written notice about the possession of a foreign citizenship or a document entitling to permanent residency in a foreign state to the territorial agency of the Federal executive agency authorized to perform control and supervision functions in the sphere of migration at the place of residence of this citizen in the Russian Federation (in the absence thereof – at the place of temporary stay within the Russian Federation, and in the absence of both the place of residence and the place of temporary stay within the Russian Federation – at the place of his/her the actual location in the Russian Federation) within 60 days from the date of the acquisition of a foreign citizenship or receipt of the document entitling to permanent residency in a foreign state.

Citizen of the Russian Federation, referred to in the paragraph one of this Part or in Part One Article 6 of Federal Law No. 142-FZ “On Introducing Amendments to Articles 6 and 30 of the Russian Federation Law “On Citizenship of the Russian Federation” and Certain Legislative Acts of the Russian Federation” as of 4 June 2014 (hereinafter– Federal Law “On Introducing Amendments to Articles 6 and 30 of the Russian Federation Law “On Citizenship of the Russian Federation” and Certain

Legislative Acts of the Russian Federation”), who did not submit a written notice, as referred to in paragraph 1 of this Part, due to being outside of the Russian Federation within the time specified in paragraph 1 of this Part and Part One Article 6 of the Federal Law “On Introducing Amendments to Articles 6 and 30 of the Russian Federation Law “On Citizenship of the Russian Federation” and Certain Legislative Acts of the Russian Federation” shall give such notice no later than 30 days after entering the territory of the Russian Federation.

(This Paragraph is brought by Federal Law No. 507-FZ as of 31.12.2014)

(Part Three is brought by Federal Law No. 142-FZ as of 04.06.2014)

4. Unless otherwise envisaged by an international treaty of the Russian Federation or federal law, legal representative of a citizen of the Russian Federation who is under the age of 18 or is specially disabled (except for the Russian Federation citizens permanently residing abroad) shall give a written notice about the possession by this citizen of a foreign citizenship or a document entitling to permanent residency in a foreign state to the territorial agency of the Federal executive agency authorized to perform control and supervision functions in the sphere of migration at the place of residence of this citizen in the Russian Federation (in the absence thereof – at the place of temporary stay within the Russian Federation, and in the absence of both the place of residence and the place of temporary stay within the Russian Federation – at the place of his/her the actual location in the Russian Federation) within 60 days from the date of the acquisition of a foreign citizenship or receipt of the document entitling to permanent residency in a foreign state.

Legal representative of a citizen of the Russian Federation, referred to in paragraph one of this Part or Part Two Article 6 of Federal Law “On Introducing Amendments to Articles 6 and 30 of the Russian Federation Law “On Citizenship of the Russian Federation” and Certain Legislative Acts of the Russian Federation” who did not submit a written notice, as referred to in paragraph 1 of this Part, due to being outside of the Russian Federation within the time specified in paragraph 1 of this Part and Part One Article 6 of the Federal Law “On Introducing Amendments to Articles 6 and 30 of the Russian Federation Law “On Citizenship of the Russian Federation” and Certain Legislative Acts of the Russian Federation” shall give such notice no later than 30 days after entering the territory of the Russian Federation.

(This Paragraph is brought by Federal Law No. 507-FZ as of 31.12.2014)

(Part Four is brought by Federal Law No. 142-FZ as of 04.06.2014)

5. Submission of the notice about the possession of a foreign citizenship or a document entitling to permanent residency in a foreign state, referred to in Part Three of this Article, shall be done in person by the Russian Federation citizen, his/her legal representative or authorized representative, or by post through the office of the federal postal operator according to the established procedure and upon the presentation of a passport of the citizen of the Russian Federation by a person filing the notice or other document certifying his identity in the territory of the Russian Federation (including a document certifying the identity of a foreign citizen in the territory of the Russian Federation and recognized by the Russian Federation as such in the case if the notice is submitted by the foreign citizen serving as a legal representative of the citizen of the Russian Federation, as referred to in Part Four of this Article).

(Part Five is brought by Federal Law No. 142-FZ as of 04.06.2014, as amended by Federal Law No. 507-FZ as of 31.12.2014)

6. The notice referred to in Part Five of this Article, shall include the following information about the citizen of the Russian Federation for whom it is submitted:

- a) Surname, name, father's name;
- b) Date and place of birth;
- c) Place of residence (in the absence thereof – place of temporary stay, and in the absence of both the place of residence and the place of temporary stay – place of actual location);
- d) Series and number of the passport of the Russian Federation citizen or another document certifying the identity of the person in the territory of the Russian Federation;
- e) Name of the citizenship, series, number and date of issue of the passport of a foreign state or another document confirming the existence of a foreign citizenship, and (or) name, series, number and date of issue of a permanent residence permit in a foreign state;
- f) Date and the grounds of acquisition of the foreign citizenship or issuance of another document granting permanent residency in a foreign state;
- g) Information about the extension of the document granting the right for permanent residency in a foreign state or issuance of the new respective document;
- h) Information about the submission of an application for renunciation of a foreign citizenship to a competent authority of the foreign state or voluntary renouncement of the document granting the right for permanent residency in a foreign state (in case of submission of such application).

(Part 6 is brought by Federal Law No. 142-FZ as of 04.06.2014)

7. A submission of the notice indicated in Part 5 of this Article shall include a copy of the passport of a foreign state of the person for whom such notice is submitted, or another document confirming the existence of a foreign citizenship, and (or) the document granting the right for permanent residency in a foreign state, as well as the copy of the passport of the Russian Federation citizen or another document certifying the identity of this person in the territory of the Russian Federation. If such notice is filed by the legal representative of this person on his/her behalf, a copy of the legal representative's passport of the Russian Federation citizen shall be attached to it (if a legal representative is a citizen of the Russian Federation) or a copy of another document certifying the identity of the foreign citizen in the territory of the Russian Federation and that is formally recognized by the Russian Federation as such (if the legal representative is a foreign national).

(As amended by Federal Law No. 507-FZ as of 31.12.2014).

If the notice, indicated in Paragraph 1 of this Part, is submitted by an authorized representative, as indicated in Part 3 or Part 4 of this Article, it shall include a copy of the power of attorney certified in accordance with the Russian Federation legislation on notary services, and a copy of the passport of the Russian Federation citizen of the authorized representative (if the authorized representative is a citizen of the Russian Federation) or a copy of another document certifying the identity of the foreign citizen in the territory of the Russian Federation and that is formally recognized by the Russian Federation as such (if the authorized representative is a foreign national).

(Paragraph is brought by Federal Law No. 507-FZ as of 31.12.2014)

(Part 7 is brought by Federal Law No. 142-FZ as of 04.06.2014)

8. The form of and the procedure for filing the notice, referred to in Part 3 and 4 of this Article, shall be established by the federal executive agency authorized to

perform control and supervision functions in the sphere of migration.  
(Part 8 is brought by Federal Law No. 142-FZ as of 04.06.2014)

9. The Russian Federation citizens are exempt from the obligation to file the notice, as indicated in Part 3 of this Article, in cases specified in international treaties of the Russian Federation or federal laws.

(Part 9 is brought by the Federal Law No. 142-FZ as of 04.06.2014)

10. Legal representatives of the respective Russian Federation citizens are exempt from the obligation to file the notice, as indicated in Part 4 of this Article, in cases specified in international treaties of the Russian Federation or federal laws.

(Part 10 is brought by the Federal Law No. 142-FZ as of 04.06.2014)

11. The rules, indicated in Parts 3 to 10 of this Article, shall be applied to the citizens of the Russian Federation who possess (have acquired) a citizenship of one or more foreign states or who have been issued one or more document granting the right to permanent residency in a foreign state. In case of the acquisition by the Russian Federation citizen of each new citizenship or receipt of each new document granting the right to permanent residency in a foreign state, this person or his/her legal representative shall file a new notice regarding this in accordance with the rules established by this Article.

(Part 11 is brought by Federal Law No. 142-FZ as of 04.06.2014)

### **Article 8. Citizenship of the Russian Federation and Marriage**

1. Contraction or dissolution of marriage by a citizen of the Russian Federation with a non-citizen of the Russian Federation shall not entail the change of the said persons' citizenship.

2. Change of citizenship by either spouse shall not entail change of the citizenship of the other spouse.

3. Dissolution of marriage shall not entail change of the citizenship of the children born into that marriage or adopted by the spouses.

### **Article 9. Citizenship of children**

1. The citizenship of a child upon the acquisition or termination of the Russian Federation citizenship by one or both of the child's parents shall be retained or shall be changed in compliance with the present Federal Law.

2. The acquisition or termination of the Russian Federation citizenship by a child between 14 and 18 years of age shall be subject to his/her consent.

3. A child's citizenship of the Russian Federation shall not be terminated if such termination results in his/her statelessness.

4. A child's citizenship shall not change with the change of the citizenship of his/her parents deprived of their parental rights. The change of a child's citizenship shall not require the consent of his/her parents deprived of their parental rights.

### **Article 10. Documents to certify the citizenship of the Russian Federation**

The documents to certify the citizenship of the Russian Federation shall be the Passport of the Russian Federation Citizen or another basic document indicating the person's citizenship. The types of basic documents certifying the identity of the Russian Federation citizens shall be established by federal law.

## **Chapter II. ACQUISITION OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION CITIZENSHIP**

### **Article 11. Grounds for the acquisition of the Russian Federation citizenship**

The citizenship of the Russian Federation shall be acquired:

- a. By birth;
- b. Through conferment of nationality of the Russian Federation;
- c. Through restoration of citizenship of the Russian Federation;
- d. Or otherwise according to this Federal Law or an international treaty of the Russian Federation.

#### **Article 11.1. Oath of the person acquiring the citizenship of the Russian Federation** (Brought by Federal Law No. 243-FZ as of 29.07.2017)

1. A person acquiring the citizenship of the Russian Federation on one of the grounds provided by Items “b”, “c” and “d” of Article 11 of this Federal Law (excluding the persons indicated in Part 2 of this Article) shall take the Oath of the citizen of the Russian Federation (hereinafter – the Oath):

“I (Surname, name, father’s name), voluntarily and consciously accepting the citizenship of the Russian Federation, swear:

To respect the Constitution and legislation of the Russian Federation, the rights and freedoms of its citizens;

To follow the duties of the citizen of the Russian Federation for the good of the state and society;

To defend the freedom and independence of the Russian Federation;

To be loyal to Russia, respect its culture, history and traditions”.

2. The following persons shall be exempt from taking to Oath:

- a) Persons under the age of 18;
- b) Persons recognized as legally incapable or specially disabled under decision of the court, which has come into effect;
- c) Unable to read or pronounce the text of the Oath and (or) sign it him/herself due to disabilities;
- d) Other persons as established by the decisions of the President of the Russian Federation.

3. The Oath shall be taken after the competent authority, in charge of the issues of the citizenship of the Russian Federation, has issued the decision on granting this person the citizenship of the Russian Federation.

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

### **Article 12. Acquisition of the citizenship of the Russian Federation by birth**

1. A child shall acquire the citizenship of the Russian Federation by virtue of birth if as of the day of birth of the child:

- a) Both his/her parents or single parent possess the citizenship of the Russian Federation (irrespective of the place of the child’s birth);
- b) One of his/her parents possesses the citizenship of the Russian Federation and the other is stateless or declared missing or his/her whereabouts are unknown,

irrespective of the place of the child's birth;

c) One of his/her parents possesses the citizenship of the Russian Federation and the other is a foreign national, provided that the child was born in the territory of the Russian Federation or if the child would otherwise become stateless;

d) Both his/her parents residing in the territory of the Russian Federation are foreign nationals or stateless persons, provided that the child was born in the territory of the Russian Federation and the State, whose nationals his/her parents are, does not grant the citizenship to the child.

(Item "d" as amended by Federal Law N 151-FZ as of 11.11.2003)

2. A child found in the territory of the Russian Federation, whose parents are unknown, shall become a citizen of the Russian Federation if his/her parents do not turn up within six months after the child was found.

### **Article 13. Admission to the citizenship of the Russian Federation under the general procedure**

(As amended by Federal Law N 151-FZ as of 11.11.2003)

1. Foreign nationals and stateless persons aged eighteen or older and possessing legal capacity may apply for the Russian Federation citizenship under the general procedure provided that they:

a) Resided in the territory of the Russian Federation for five uninterrupted years since being granted a residence permit and until the day of applying for the citizenship of the Russian Federation, unless otherwise provided by part two of this Article. The period of residence shall be deemed uninterrupted if the person travelled outside the Russian Federation for not more than three months in one year. The period of residence for persons who arrived to the Russian Federation before 1 July 2002 and do not possess a residence permit shall be calculated from the date of registration at the place of residence;

b) Undertake to comply with the Constitution of the Russian Federation and laws of the Russian Federation;

c) Have legal means of subsistence;

d) Applied to competent authority of a foreign State for renunciation of current another citizenship. No waiver of foreign citizenship is required if this is envisaged by an international treaty of the Russian Federation or the present Federal Law or if the waiver of another citizenship is impossible due to reasons beyond the person's control;

e) Know the Russian language; the procedure for assessing the level of knowledge of the Russian language shall be established by the regulations on the procedure for considering the issues concerning Russian Federation citizenship.

2. The period of residence referred to in Item "a" of Part One of this Article may be shortened in the presence of at least one of the following grounds:

Items "a" – "c" are excluded. - Federal Law N 151-FZ as of 11.11.2003

a) The person has high achievements in science, technology or culture or possession of a profession or qualification of interest to the Russian Federation;

e) The person has been granted political asylum in the territory of the Russian Federation;

f) The person has been recognized as a refugee according to the procedure established by federal law.



3. A person with special merits for the Russian Federation may be admitted to the citizenship of the Russian Federation without complying with the requirements provided by part one of this Article.

4. Citizens of the states, which had formed part of the USSR, serving at least three years in the Armed Forces of the Russian Federation and other forces or military units under contract, shall be entitled to apply for admittance to the Russian Federation citizenship without observing the terms and conditions referred to in Item “a” of Part One of this Article and without providing residence permit.

(Part Four is brought by Federal Law N 151-FZ as of 01.11.2003, as amended by Federal Law N 328-FZ as of 04.12.2007)

#### **Article 14. Admission to the citizenship of the Russian Federation under simplified procedure**

(As amended by Federal Law N 328-FZ as of 04.12.2007)

1. Foreign nationals and stateless persons aged 18 or older and possessing legal capacity may apply for admission to the citizenship of the Russian Federation under the simplified procedure without meeting the requirements referred to in Item “a” of Part One of Article 13 of this Federal Law, provided the said citizens and persons:

a) Have at least one parent who is a Russian citizen and resides on Russian Federation territory;

b) Have had USSR citizenship, and having resided and residing in the states that have formed part of the USSR, have not become citizens of these states and as a result remain stateless persons;

c) Item “c” has lost its force under Federal Law No. 157-FZ as of 23.06.2014.

2. Foreign citizens and stateless persons residing in the territory of the Russian Federation shall be entitled to apply for admittance to the Russian citizenship in a simplified manner without observing the condition concerning the time of residence established by Item “a” of Part One of Article 13 of this Federal Law, if the said citizens and persons:

a) Have been born in the territory of the RSFSR and have been citizens of the former USSR;

b) Have been married to a citizen of the Russian Federation within at least three years;

c) Are disabled persons and have a capable son or daughter who has reached the age of eighteen and is a citizen of the Russian Federation.

d) Have a child who is the citizen of the Russian Federation, and in case the other parent of this child, who is the citizen of the Russian Federation, is deceased, or under decision of the court, which has come into effect, is recognized as missing, legally incapable or specially disabled or deprived of the parental rights or limited in the parental rights;

(Item “d” is brought by Federal law N 127-FZ as of 28.06.2009)

e) Have a son or a daughter who has reached the age of eighteen, being a citizen of the Russian Federation, and under decision of the court, which has come into effect, is recognized as legally incapable or specially disabled, in case the other parent of the specified citizens of the Russian Federation, who is the citizen of the Russian Federation, is deceased, or under decision of the court, which has come into effect, is recognized as missing, legally incapable or specially disabled or deprived of the parental rights or limited in the parental rights;

(Item “e” is brought by Federal law N 127-FZ as of 28.06.2009)

f) Have received vocational education in accordance with the main vocational education programmes that are state-accredited at educational or scientific institutions of the Russian Federation after July 1, 2002, and worked in the Russian Federation for at least three years prior to the day of applying for admission to the citizenship of the Russian Federation. With respect to the said persons, insurance contributions shall be made by their employer to the Pension Fund of the Russian Federation;

(Item “f” as amended by Federal law N 124-FZ as of 01.05.2016)

g) Are individual entrepreneurs who have continuously conducted business in the Russian Federation in economic spheres specified by the Government of the Russian Federation for at least three years prior to the year of applying for admission to the citizenship of the Russian Federation. The overall amount of taxes and fees paid by the said persons in each calendar year in accordance with fiscal legislation (excluding individual property tax, land tax, transport tax, state duties and tax and duty refunds of overpaid charges completed within this period in accordance with fiscal legislation) and insurance contributions to the Pension Fund of the Russian Federation shall be no less than 1 million rubles;

(Item “g” as amended by Federal Law N 124-FZ as of 01.05.2016)

h) Are investors whose contribution to the chartered (pooled) capital of a Russian legal entity conducting business in the Russian Federation in economic spheres specified by the Government of the Russian Federation remains continuously no less than 10 per cent for at least three years prior to the year of applying for admission to the citizenship of the Russian Federation. The amount of the chartered (pooled) capital of the said legal entity shall be no less than 100 million rubles and the total amount of paid taxes and fees in each calendar year in accordance with fiscal legislation (excluding the State duty and tax and duty refunds of overpaid charges completed within this period in accordance with fiscal legislation) and insurance contributions to the Pension Fund of the Russian Federation shall be no less than 6 million rubles;

(Item “h” as amended by Federal Law N 124-FZ as of 01.05.2016)

i) Have been employed for at least three years prior to the submission of the application to be admitted to the citizenship of the Russian Federation in one of the occupations (profession, position) included in the list of occupations (professions, positions) for foreign citizens and stateless persons who are qualified professionals eligible for admission to the citizenship of the Russian Federation under simplified procedure, established by the federal executive agency responsible for formulation and implementation of State policy and establishment of regulatory frameworks in the sphere of employment and unemployment. During the stated period, employees of the said persons shall make insurance contributions to the Pension Fund of the Russian Federation.

(Item “i” as amended by Federal Law N 124-FZ as of 01.05.2016)

2.1. Foreign citizens and stateless persons legally residing in the territory of the Russian Federation on a permanent basis, recognized as native Russian speakers in accordance with Article 33.1 of this Federal Law, may apply for the citizenship of the Russian Federation under simplified procedure provided that the said persons:

a) Undertake to comply with the Constitution of the Russian Federation and laws of the Russian Federation;

b) Have legal means of subsistence;

c) Renounced their current citizenship of a foreign state. Renunciation of the

nationality of a foreign State is not required in cases provided for by an international treaty of the Russian Federation or when renunciation is impossible due to reasons outside of the applicant's control. Renunciation of Ukrainian citizenship shall be done by submitting a declaration of renunciation to the competent authority of Ukraine. The document confirming the fact of renunciation of Ukrainian citizenship shall be a notarially attested copy of the declaration of renunciation filed by the said person.

(Item "c" as amended by Federal Law N 243-FZ as of 29.07.2017)

3. Disabled foreign citizens and stateless persons who have come to the Russian Federation from the states which have formed part of the USSR, and are registered at the place of residence in the Russian Federation, as of July 1, 2002, shall be entitled to file an application for admittance to the Russian citizenship in the simplified manner without observing the condition concerning the term of residence in the territory of the Russian Federation established by Item "a" of Part One of Article 13 of this Federal Law and without submitting the residence permit.

4. Foreign citizens and stateless persons who have been citizens of the USSR who have come to the Russian Federation from the states which formed part of the USSR, who are registered at the place of residence in the Russian Federation as on July 1, 2002, or have received a permit for temporary residence in the Russian Federation shall be admitted to citizenship of the Russian Federation in the simplified manner without observing the conditions provided for by Items "a", "c" and "e" of Part One of Article 13 of this Federal Law if they, prior to July 1, 2009, declare their wish to become citizens of the Russian Federation.

(As amended by Federal Laws N 5-FZ as of 03.01.2006, N 296-FZ as of 01.12.2007, N 301-FZ as of 30.12.2008).

5. Veterans of the Great Patriotic War who have been citizens of the former USSR and reside in the territory of the Russian Federation shall be admitted to Russian Federation citizenship in the simplified manner without observing the conditions provided by Items "a", "c", "d" and "e" of Part One of Article 13 of this Federal Law and without presenting a residence permit.

6. There shall be admitted to citizenship of the Russian Federation in the simplified manner without observing the conditions provided for by Part One of Article 13 of this Federal Law children and disabled persons who are foreign citizens or stateless persons:

a) A child, one of whose parents is a citizen of the Russian Federation - on the application of this parent and in the presence of the other parent's consent to the child's becoming a citizen of the Russian Federation. Such consent shall not be required if the child resides in the territory of the Russian Federation;

b) A child, whose only parent is a citizen of the Russian Federation - on the application of this parent;

c) A child or disabled person under guardianship or trusteeship of a citizen of the Russian Federation upon an application by the guardian or trustee, unless otherwise provided by Part 1 of Article 13 of Federal Law No. 48-FZ "On custody and Guardianship" as of 24.04.2008 (hereinafter – Federal Law "On custody and Guardianship");

(Item "c" as amended by Federal Law No. 72-FZ as of 20.04.2014)

d) A child placed under supervision in a Russian organization for orphans and children whose parents lost guardianship upon as application by the director of the institution where the child or incapable person is residing, unless otherwise provided by Item 2 of Article 155.1 of the Family Code of the Russian Federation;

(Item “d” is brought by Federal Law No. 72-FZ as of 20.04.2014)

e) Disabled person who is under State care in an upbringing or health-treatment institution, social protection institution or another similar institution of the Russian Federation - upon an application by the director of the institution where the child or incapable person is residing., unless otherwise provided by Part 4 of Article 11 of Federal Law “On Custody and Guardianship”;

(Item “e” is brought by Federal Law No. 72-FZ as of 20.04.2014)

7. Foreign citizens and stateless persons and members of their families, who have registration at the place of their residence in the constituent territory of the Russian Federation, chosen by them for their permanent residence according to the Government program on rendering assistance to voluntary resettlement to the Russian Federation of the compatriots living abroad, can acquire citizenship of the Russian Federation in the simplified order without compliance with the conditions provided by Items “a”, “c” and “e” of Part One of Article 13 of this Federal Law.

(Part Seven is brought by Federal law N 163-FZ as of 01.10.2008, as amended by Federal Law No. 169-FZ as of 02.07.2013)

### **Article 15. Reinstatement in the citizenship of the Russian Federation**

1. Foreign nationals and stateless persons who previously possessed the citizenship of the Russian Federation may be reinstated in the citizenship of the Russian Federation in accordance with part one of Article 13 of this Federal Law, with their required period of residence in the territory of the Russian Federation being reduced to three years.

2. Foreign nationals and stateless persons residing in the territory of the Russian Federation who previously possessed the citizenship of the Russian Federation and withdrew from the citizenship of the Russian Federation in accordance with the established procedure may be reinstated in the citizenship of the Russian Federation in accordance with Parts two – four of Article 13 of this Federal Law, if they belong to the categories of people specified in Parts two – four of Article 13 of this Federal Law and Article 14 of this Federal Law.

(Part 2 is brought by Federal Law No. 182-FZ as of 12.11.2012)

### **Article 16. Grounds to reject applications for receipt of a notice regarding the possibility of admission to the citizenship of the Russian Federation, for admission to the citizenship of the Russian Federation and for reinstatement of the Russian Federation citizenship:**

(As amended by Federal Law No. 71-FZ as of 20.04.2014)

(As amended by Federal Law No. 182-FZ as of 12.11.2012)

1. Applications for receipt of a notice regarding the possibility of admission to the citizenship of the Russian Federation, applications for admission to the citizenship of the Russian Federation and for reinstatement of the Russian Federation citizenship filed by the following persons, shall be rejected:

(As amended by Federal Law No. 71-FZ as of 20.04.2014)

a) Persons who advocate changing by force the fundamentals of the constitutional system of the Russian Federation or who otherwise create a threat to the security of the Russian Federation;

b) Persons who participate or have participated in international, inter-ethnic,

inter-territorial or other types of military conflicts, or, during such conflicts, took part in committing activities against the Russian peacekeeping forces, which prevented them from fulfilling their peacekeeping functions, or the Military Forces of the Russian Federation, or participated in terrorist attacks, extremist activities or took part in the preparation of such acts, in carrying them out outside the territory of the Russian Federation against the citizens of the Russian Federation, missions of the Russian Federation in foreign states and international organizations, representations of the constituencies of the Russian Federation and their staff members;

c) Persons who participate or have participated in committing or preparing to commit unlawful acts containing at least one of the elements of extremism, for which the legislation of the Russian Federation establishes criminal, administrative and civil liability, or carrying out other acts which pose a threat to the security of the Russian Federation and its citizens;

d) Persons under restrictions on entry to the Russian Federation due to previous administrative eviction out of the Russian Federation, deportation or who were handed over by the Russian Federation to a foreign state in accordance with international treaties of the Russian Federation on readmission, or due to being a subject of the decision on the undesirability of stay (residence) in the Russian Federation (until the restrictions on entry to the Russian Federation expire)

(Item “c” as amended by Federal Law No. 299-FZ as of 02.11.2013)

e) Persons who have used forged documents or provided deliberately untrue information;

f) Persons who undergo military service or service with the security bodies or law-enforcement bodies of a foreign state, except as otherwise envisaged by an international treaty of the Russian Federation;

g) Persons whose previous conviction for the committal of felonious crimes in the territory of the Russian Federation or abroad, such crimes being recognized as such under a federal law, and have not been cleared or expunged;

h) Persons who are criminally prosecuted by the competent bodies of the Russian Federation or competent bodies of foreign states for crimes recognized as such under a federal law (before the court verdict or decision in the case);

i) Persons who have been convicted and who serve a sentence in the form of imprisonment for actions subject to prosecution under a federal law (before the expiration of the sentence term);

j) Excluded.

2. Applications to be recognized as a citizen of the Russian Federation are rejected on the grounds provided for by Items “a”, “b” and “c” of Part one of this Article.

### **Article 17. Choice of citizenship upon the alteration of the state border of the Russian Federation**

Upon the alteration of the State border of the Russian Federation under an international treaty of the Russian Federation, persons residing in the territory whose state affiliation has been altered shall have the right to choose citizenship (right of option) under the procedure and within the periods established by the respective international treaty of the Russian Federation.

## **CHAPTER III. TERMINATION OF THE CITIZENSHIP OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION**

## **Article 18. Grounds for the termination of the citizenship of the Russian Federation**

The citizenship of the Russian Federation shall be terminated:

- a) in consequence of the withdrawal from the citizenship of the Russian Federation;
- b) otherwise, as provided for by this Federal Law or an international treaty of the Russian Federation.

## **Article 19. Withdrawal from the citizenship of the Russian Federation**

1. Withdrawal from the citizenship of the Russian Federation by a person residing in the territory of the Russian Federation shall be subject to such person's own free will and shall be effected under general procedure except for the cases specified in Article 20 of this Federal Law.

2. Withdrawal from the citizenship of the Russian Federation by a person residing in the territory of a foreign State shall be subject to such person's own free will and shall be effected under the simplified procedure except for the cases specified in Article 20 of this Federal Law.

3. The withdrawal from the citizenship of the Russian Federation of a child whose either parent possesses the citizenship of the Russian Federation and the other one is a foreign national or whose single parent is a foreign national shall be effected under the simplified procedure upon joint application by the parents or application by the single parent.

## **Article 20. Grounds to deny termination of the citizenship of the Russian Federation**

Withdrawal from the citizenship of the Russian Federation shall not be permitted if the citizen of the Russian Federation:

- a) Owes an outstanding obligation to the Russian Federation established by the federal laws;
- b) Is under indictment in a criminal case in the Russian Federation or under a sentence of conviction which has taken effect and is pending execution;
- c) Possesses no other citizenship or guarantee for the acquisition thereof.

## **Article 21. Choice of another citizenship (option) in case of alteration of the state border of the Russian Federation**

In case of territorial changes resulting from the alteration of the State border of the Russian Federation under an international treaty of the Russian Federation, citizens of the Russian Federation residing in the territory subject to the said changes shall be entitled to retain or change their citizenship under the terms of that international treaty.

## **CHAPTER IV. REVERSAL OF DECISIONS CONCERNING THE CITIZENSHIP OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION**

### **Article 22. Grounds for reversal of decisions concerning the citizenship of the Russian Federation**

(As amended by Federal Law No. 243-FZ as of 29.07.2017)

A decision on the acquisition or termination of the citizenship of the Russian

Federation shall be reversed should it be established that the said decision was based on forged documents presented or false information knowingly provided by the applicant, or in case of refusal to take the Oath.

If, when applying for the citizenship or reinstatement in the citizenship of the Russian Federation, the applicant did not intend to follow the duties established by the legislation of the Russian Federation for the Russian Federation citizens, and acquired the citizenship of the Russian Federation with the aim of conducting activities that pose a threat to the fundamentals of the constitutional system of the Russian Federation, the decision shall be taken to revoke the citizenship of the Russian Federation on the ground of providing knowingly false information concerning the applicant's obligation to respect the Constitution and legislation of the Russian Federation.

2. The fact of the use of forged documents or deliberate provision of false information shall be established in judicial proceedings. The decision of the court which has come into effect establishing the fact that the person committed at least one of the following offenses (prepared to commit the offense or attempted to commit it), provided for by Articles 205, 205.1, Part 2 of Article 205.2, Articles 205.3 – 205.5, 206, 208, Part 4 of Article 211, Articles 281, 282.1 - 282.3 and Article 361 of the Criminal Code of the Russian Federation, or at least one of the offenses (prepared to commit the offense or attempted to commit it) provided for by Articles 277 – 279 and 360 of the Criminal Code of the Russian Federation, if their perpetration is linked to terrorist acts, shall be regarded as the establishment by the court of the fact that the person knowingly provided false information concerning his/her obligation to respect the Constitution and legislation of the Russian Federation.

3. If the documents used to make the decision on the acquisition of the citizenship of the Russian Federation were presented by the applicant simultaneously (together) with the documents provided to acquire the Russian Federation citizenship for his/her spouse and (or) children, or if a joint decision on the acquisition of the Russian Federation citizenship was taken with respect to the said person, his/her spouse and (or) children, and if later it was established that the decision to grant the said person the Russian Federation citizenship was taken based on forged documents or false information knowingly provided by him/her with regard to himself/herself, this shall not result in the reversal of the decision on the acquisition of the Russian Federation citizenship by his/her spouse and (or) children.

### **Article 23. Procedure and consequences of the reversal of decisions concerning the citizenship of the Russian Federation**

1. A decision concerning the citizenship of the Russian Federation shall be reversed by the President of the Russian Federation or another authorized agency dealing with cases concerning the citizenship of the Russian Federation, which has taken the decision.

2. A decision concerning the citizenship of the Russian Federation, if reversed in compliance with Article 22 of this Federal Law, shall be deemed invalid from the day when the decision was taken.

## **CHAPTER V. CITIZENSHIP OF CHILDREN UPON THE CHANGE OF CITIZENSHIP OF THEIR PARENTS, GUARDIANS AND TRUSTEES. CITIZENSHIP OF INCAPABLE PERSONS.**

### **Article 24. Change of citizenship of children upon acquisition or termination of citizenship of the Russian Federation by their parents**

1. A child shall acquire the citizenship of the Russian Federation if his/her either parents or a single parent acquires the citizenship of the Russian Federation.

2. A child's citizenship of the Russian Federation shall be terminated upon the termination of the citizenship of the Russian Federation of his/her either parents or a single parent, provided that the child will not become a stateless person.

#### **Article 25. Citizenship of children upon acquisition or termination of citizenship of the Russian Federation by either parent**

1. Where either parent possessing another citizenship acquires the citizenship of the Russian Federation, their child resident in the territory of the Russian Federation may acquire the citizenship of the Russian Federation upon an application by the parent who acquires the citizenship of the Russian Federation.

2. Where either parent possessing another citizenship acquires the citizenship of the Russian Federation, their child resident outside the Russian Federation may acquire the citizenship of the Russian Federation upon an application by both parents.

3. Where either parent possessing another citizenship acquires the citizenship of the Russian Federation and the other parent is a stateless person, their child may acquire the citizenship of the Russian Federation upon an application by the parent who acquires the citizenship of the Russian Federation.

4. Where either parent acquiring the citizenship of the Russian Federation is a stateless person and the other parent possesses another citizenship, their child may acquire the citizenship of the Russian Federation upon an application by both parents.

5. Where the citizenship of the Russian Federation of either parent terminates, and the other parent remains a citizen of the Russian Federation, their child shall retain the citizenship of the Russian Federation. The child's citizenship of the Russian Federation may be terminated simultaneously with the termination of the citizenship of the Russian Federation of either parent subject to written consent of the other parent who is a citizen of the Russian Federation and provided that the child will not become a stateless person.

#### **Article 26. Citizenship of children upon their adoption**

1. A child who is a citizen of the Russian Federation, upon being adopted by foreign nationals or a foreign national shall retain the citizenship of the Russian Federation. The citizenship of the Russian Federation of a child adopted by a foreign national or foreign nationals may be terminated under the general procedure on the basis of an application by both adoptive parents or the single adoptive parent provided that the child will not become a stateless person.

2. A child adopted by a citizen of the Russian Federation or spouses who are citizens of the Russian Federation or spouses one of whom is a citizen of the Russian Federation and the other one is a stateless person, shall acquire the citizenship of the Russian Federation from the day of his/her adoption, irrespective of the child's place of residence, on the basis of an application by the adoptive parent who is a citizen of the Russian Federation.

3. A child adopted by the spouses, one of whom is a citizen of the Russian Federation and the other one possesses another citizenship, may acquire the citizenship of the Russian Federation under the simplified procedure on the basis of an application by both adoptive parents irrespective of the child's place of residence.

4. In the case specified in part three of this Article, in the absence of an application from both adoptive parents within one year of the day of adoption, the



child shall acquire the citizenship of the Russian Federation from the day of adoption, provided that he/she and his/her adoptive parents reside in the territory of the Russian Federation.

### **Article 27. Citizenship of children and incapable persons under guardianship or trusteeship**

1. Children and incapable persons under guardianship or trusteeship of a citizen of the Russian Federation shall acquire the citizenship of the Russian Federation under the simplified procedure in accordance with Item “c” of Part 6 of Article 14 of this Federal Law, unless otherwise provided by Part 1 of Article 13 of Federal Law “On Guardianship and Trusteeship”.

(Part 1 as amended by Federal Law N 72-FZ as of 20.04.2014)

2. A child placed under supervision in a Russian organization for orphans and children whose parents lost guardianship shall acquire the citizenship of the Russian Federation under the simplified procedure in accordance with Item “d” of Part 6 of Article 14 of this Federal Law, unless otherwise provided by Item 2 of Article 155.1 of the Family Code of the Russian Federation.

(Part 2 as amended by Federal Law N 72-FZ as of 20.04.2014)

2.1. Incapable person who is under State care in an upbringing or health-treatment institution, social protection institution or another similar institution of the Russian Federation shall acquire the citizenship of the Russian Federation under the simplified procedure in accordance with Item “e” of Part 6 of Article 14 of this Federal Law, unless otherwise provided by Part 4 of Article 11 of Federal Law “On Guardianship and Trusteeship”.

(Part 2.1 is brought by Federal Law N 72-FZ as of 20.04.2014)

3. A child or incapable person under guardianship or trusteeship of a foreign national acquiring the citizenship of the Russian Federation may acquire the citizenship of the Russian Federation simultaneously with the said person upon his/her application.

4. A child or incapable person who is a citizen of the Russian Federation and is under guardianship or trusteeship of a foreign national shall retain the citizenship of the Russian Federation.

## **CHAPTER VI. AUTHORIZED AGENCIES IN CHARGE OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION CITIZENSHIP**

### **Article 28. Authorized agencies in charge of the citizenship of the Russian Federation**

1. The authorized agencies in charge of the citizenship of the Russian Federation shall be:

- President of the Russian Federation;
- Federal executive agency authorized to perform control and supervision functions in the sphere of migration and its territorial agencies;

(as amended by Federal Law N 121-FZ as of 18.07.2006)

- Federal executive agency in charge of foreign affairs, diplomatic missions and consular institutions of the Russian Federation outside the Russian Federation.

2. The powers of the agencies in charge of the citizenship of the Russian Federation shall be determined by this Federal Law.

### **Article 29. Powers of the President of the Russian Federation**

1. The President of the Russian Federation shall take decisions on the following matters:

a) Admission to the citizenship of the Russian Federation under the general procedure under Article 13 of this Federal Law;

b) Reinstatement in the citizenship of the Russian Federation under the general procedure under Article 15 of this Federal Law;

c) Withdrawal from the citizenship of the Russian Federation under the general procedure in compliance with part one of Article 19 and part one of Article 26 of this Federal Law;

d) Reversal of decisions on the citizenship of the Russian Federation in compliance with Article 23 of this Federal Law;

2. The President of the Russian Federation shall approve the rules on the procedure for considering matters concerning the citizenship of the Russian Federation.

3. The President of the Russian Federation shall ensure the coordinated functioning and co-operation of authorized agencies dealing with cases concerning the citizenship of the Russian Federation in implementing this Federal Law.

4. The President of the Russian Federation shall issue decrees on matters concerning the citizenship of the Russian Federation.

5. In the presence of circumstances indicated in Items “b” to “g” of Article 16 of this Federal Law, the President of the Russian Federation shall be entitled, in exceptional cases, to consider the admission to or reinstatement in the citizenship of the Russian Federation of foreign nationals and stateless persons under Articles 13–15 of this Federal Law.

(As amended by Federal Law N 151-FZ as of 11.11.2003, N 182-FZ as of 12.11.2012)

### **Article 30. Powers of the Federal Executive Agency authorized to perform control and supervision functions in the sphere of migration and its territorial agencies**

The Federal executive agency authorized to perform control and supervision functions in the sphere of migration and its territorial agencies shall exercise the following powers:

(As amended by Federal Law N 121-FZ as of 18.07.2006)

a) Determine possession of the citizenship of the Russian Federation by persons residing in the territory of the Russian Federation;

b) Accept from the persons residing in the territory of the Russian Federation applications concerning the citizenship of the Russian Federation;

c) Verify the facts and documents submitted in support of applications for the Russian Federation citizenship and, if necessary, request additional information from the respective government agencies and organizations;

(As amended by Federal Law N 124-FZ as of 01.05.2016)

c.1) Request and receive relevant information for verification of facts indicated in Items “f” – “i” of Part 2 of Article 14 of this Federal Law, including tax secret, from a federal executive authority authorized to perform oversight of compliance with fiscal legislation and control of state registration of legal entities, physical persons as

individual entrepreneurs and peasant (farm) holdings, from the Pension Fund of the Russian Federation and a professional securities market participant who has a license to maintain the security owners register;

(Item “c.1” is brought by Federal Law N 124-FZ as of 01.05.2016)

d) Submit applications for the Russian Federation citizenship, documents and other materials provided in support thereof, and findings on the said applications, documents and materials to the President of the Russian Federation in the cases provided by part one of Article 29 of this Federal Law;

e) Implement decisions on citizenship adopted by the President of the Russian Federation in respect of the persons residing in the territory of the Russian Federation;

f) Consider applications on citizenship of the Russian Federation from the persons residing in the territory of the Russian Federation and take decisions concerning admission to the citizenship of the Russian Federation under the simplified procedure in compliance with Article 14, Part two of Article 15, Part three of Article 19 and Part three of Article 26 of this Federal Law;

(As amended by Federal Law N 151-FZ as of 11.11.2003, N 182-FZ as of 12.11.2012)

g) Keep records of persons in whose respect decisions on the change of citizenship have been taken by the Federal executive agency authorized to perform control and supervision functions in the sphere of migration or its territorial agencies;

(As amended by Federal Law N 121-FZ as of 18.07.2006)

g.1) Keep records of notifications received from the citizens of the Russian Federation concerning the citizenship of a foreign state. The procedure for keeping the records shall be established by the Government of the Russian Federation;

(Item “g.1” is brought by Federal Law N 142-FZ as of 04.06.2014)

h) Register the citizenship of the Russian Federation in the cases specified in part two of Article 12, parts two and four of Article 26 of this Federal Law;

i) Reverse decisions on citizenship of the Russian Federation in compliance with Article 23 of this Federal Law.

j) Consider applications for receipt of a notice regarding the possibility of admission to the citizenship of the Russian Federation submitted by foreign nationals recognized as Russian speakers in compliance with Article 33.1 of this Federal Law;

(Item “j” is brought by Federal Law N 71-FZ as of 20.04.2014, as amended by Federal Law N 157-FZ as of 23.06.2014)

### **Article 31. Powers of the Federal executive agency in charge of foreign affairs, diplomatic missions and consular institutions of the Russian Federation outside the Russian Federation**

The Federal executive agency in charge of foreign affairs, diplomatic missions and consular institutions of the Russian Federation outside the Russian Federation shall:

a) Determine possession of citizenship of the Russian Federation by persons residing outside the territory of the Russian Federation;

b) Accept from persons residing outside the territory of the Russian Federation applications for citizenship of the Russian Federation;

c) Verify the facts and documents submitted to support applications for citizenship of the Russian Federation and, if necessary, request additional information from the respective government agencies;

d) Submit applications for citizenship of the Russian Federation, documents and other materials provided in support thereof, and findings on the said applications, documents and materials to the President of the Russian Federation in the cases provided by part one of Article 29 of this Federal Law;

e) Execute decisions concerning the citizenship of the Russian Federation taken

by the President of the Russian Federation in respect of persons residing outside the territory of the Russian Federation;

f) Consider applications for citizenship of the Russian Federation from persons residing outside the territory of the Russian Federation and take decisions on admission to the citizenship of the Russian Federation under the simplified procedure in compliance with Article 14, parts two and three of Article 19 and part three of Article 26 of this Federal Law;

(As amended by Federal Law N 151-FZ as of 11.11.2003)

g) Keep records of persons in whose respect decisions on the change of citizenship were issued by diplomatic missions and consular institutions of the Russian Federation outside the Russian Federation;

h) Register the citizenship of the Russian Federation in the cases specified in part two of Article 26 of this Federal Law;

i) Reverse decisions concerning the citizenship of the Russian Federation in compliance with Article 23 of this Federal Law.

## **CHAPTER VII. PROCEEDINGS RELATING TO MATTERS OF THE CITIZENSHIP OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION**

### **Article 32. Procedure for filing applications concerning issues of citizenship of the Russian Federation**

1. Applications for citizenship of the Russian Federation shall be filed at the applicant's place of residence:

a) By a person residing in the territory of the Russian Federation - with the territorial agency of the Federal executive agency authorized to perform control and supervision functions in the sphere of migration;

(As amended by Federal Law N 121-FZ as of 18.07.2006)

b) By a person residing outside the territory of the Russian Federation and having no place of residence in the territory of the Russian Federation - with the respective diplomatic mission or consular institution of the Russian Federation outside the Russian Federation.

2. The application shall be delivered by the applicant in person.

3. Where the applicant is unable to personally deliver the application due to exceptional and documented circumstances, the application and supporting documents may be delivered for consideration by another person or sent by mail. In this case, the applicant's personal signature on the application and the authenticity of the copy of a document attached to the application shall be certified by notarial entries.

4. An application for the change of the citizenship of a child or incapable person shall be filed by his/her parents or other lawful representatives at the place of residence of the child or legally incapable person.

(As amended by Federal Law N 151-FZ as of 11.11.2003)

5. Application for receipt of a notice regarding the possibility of admittance to the citizenship of the Russian Federation shall be submitted by a foreign citizen to a federal authority authorized to perform control and supervision functions in the sphere of migration or its territorial branch. The application shall be submitted to the relevant authority, the commission of which has issued a decision to recognize the applicant as a speaker of the Russian language in compliance with Article 33.1 of this Federal Law. (Part 5 is brought by Federal Law N 71-FZ as of 20.04.2014, as amended by Federal Law N 157-FZ as of 23.06.2014)

### **Article 33. Procedure for drawing up applications concerning issues of the Russian Federation citizenship**

1. Applications concerning the Russian Federation citizenship shall be drawn up in writing according to the established form. The personal signature of the applicant shall be certified by the duly authorized official of the authorized agency dealing with cases concerning the citizenship of the Russian Federation who accepted the application.

2. Where the applicant is unable to sign the application for reasons of illiteracy or physical disability, it shall, at his/her request, be signed by another person, with that person's signature being certified with a notarial entry. Outside the territory of the Russian Federation such an entry shall be made on the application by a duly authorized official of the diplomatic mission or consular authority of the Russian Federation outside the Russian Federation.

3. The consent of the persons concerned to the acquisition or termination of the citizenship of the Russian Federation in the cases provided for by this Federal Law shall be given in writing, with the said persons' signatures being certified with notarial entries.. The signatures of persons residing outside the Russian Federation shall be authenticated by duly authorized officials of the diplomatic missions or consular authorities of the Russian Federation outside the Russian Federation.

4. The application form and the check-list of information to be stated therein and supporting documents applicable to specific grounds for the acquisition or termination of the citizenship of the Russian Federation shall be determined by the rules on the procedure for considering matters concerning the citizenship of the Russian Federation to be approved by the President of the Russian Federation.

(As amended by Federal Law N 71-FZ as of 20.04.2014)

#### **Article 33.1. Recognition of a foreign citizen or stateless person as a native Russian speaker**

(Introduced by Federal Law No. 71-FZ as of 20.04.2014)

1. Based on interview results conducted by the Commission for the recognition of a foreign citizen or stateless person as a native Russian speaker (hereinafter - the Commission), a foreign citizen or stateless person may be recognized as a native Russian speaker, namely a person who is able to speak Russian and uses it on a daily basis in domestic and cultural spheres, provided that the said persons or their relatives in the direct ascending permanently reside or have had previous permanent residence in the Russian Federation, or in the territory which formed part of the Russian Empire or USSR, within the State borders of the Russian Federation.

2. The Commission shall be formed by the federal executive agency authorized to perform control and supervision functions in the sphere of migration and its territorial agencies. The procedure for the formation and operation of the Commission, requirements for specialists who make up the Commission, rules of conduct of the interview with a foreign citizen or stateless person referred to in Part 1 of this Article, requirements for application form for recognition of a foreign citizen or stateless person as a native Russian speaker and the form of the Commission's decision concerning the recognition of a foreign citizen or stateless person as a native Russian speaker shall be established by the federal executive agency authorized to perform control and supervision functions in the sphere of migration, in consultation with the federal executive agency responsible for the formulation of public policies and establishment of legal and regulatory framework in the sphere of education.

3. A foreign citizen or stateless person temporarily residing in the Russian Federation shall submit the application for recognition as a native Russian speaker to the Commission no later than 15 days before his/her temporary residence in the territory of the Russian Federation expires.

4. A foreign citizen or stateless person permanently residing in the Russian Federation shall submit the application for recognition as a native Russian speaker to the Commission no later than 3 months before his/her residence in the territory of the Russian Federation expires.

5. Based on the results of an interview conducted with a foreign citizen or stateless person, the Commission issues a decision to recognize or not recognize the said foreign citizen or stateless person as a native Russian speaker.

6. The Commission's decision on recognition of a foreign citizen or stateless person as a native Russian speaker shall be handed to the said persons for filing an application for a residence permit or admission to the citizenship of the Russian Federation, in accordance with Part 2.1 of Article 14 of this Federal Law, and in the case if a foreign citizen or stateless person leaves the Russian Federation, for taking a decision regarding the subsequent entry of the said person into the Russian Federation.

7. The Commission's decision on recognition of a foreign citizen or stateless person as a native Russian speaker shall be of unlimited duration.

8. Once a foreign citizen or stateless person is recognized as a native Russian speaker, the said person shall not be re-interviewed, as referred to in Part 1 of this Article.

9. A foreign citizen or stateless person who was not recognized as a native Russian speaker may re-apply for recognition not earlier than one year from the date of the previous decision on non-recognition as a native speaker of the Russian language.

#### **Article 34. Levying state duties and consular fees**

1. Upon the submission of applications for admission to, reinstatement in, or withdrawal from the citizenship of the Russian Federation, as well as upon determination of the possession of the citizenship of the Russian Federation as requested by the persons concerned, a State duty shall be levied in the territory of the Russian Federation, and a consular fee outside the territory of the Russian Federation, in accordance with the procedure established by the legislation of the Russian Federation.

(Part Four as amended by Federal Law N 127-FZ as of 02.11.2004)

2. In the event the application concerning the citizenship of the Russian Federation is rejected for the reasons provided by Articles 16 and 20 of this Federal Law, the State duties or consular fees shall not be refunded.

#### **Article 35. Procedure and Duration for decision-making on the issues of the Russian Federation citizenship**

1. Decisions concerning the citizenship of the Russian Federation under the general procedure shall be taken by the President of the Russian Federation.

2. Applications concerning the citizenship of the Russian Federation shall be

processed and decisions concerning admission to the citizenship of the Russian Federation under the general procedure shall be taken within one year from the day when the application and all the required and duly executed documents were filed.

(As amended by Federal Law N 151-FZ as of 11.11.2003)

3. Decisions concerning acquiring citizenship of the Russian Federation and renunciation of citizenship of the Russian Federation under the simplified procedure according to Article 14, Part Three of Article 19 and Part Three of Article 26 of this Federal Law shall be taken by the Federal executive agency authorized to perform control and supervision functions in the sphere of migration and its territorial agencies;

(As amended by Federal Law N 121-FZ as of 18.07.2006)

Decisions concerning acquiring citizenship of the Russian Federation and renunciation of citizenship of the Russian Federation under the simplified procedure according to Part One and Six of Article 14, Part One and Three of Article 19 and Part Three of Article 26 of this Federal Law shall be taken by Federal executive agency in charge of foreign affairs, diplomatic missions and consular institutions of the Russian Federation outside the Russian Federation.

(Part Three as amended by Federal Law N 151-FZ as of 11.11.2003)

4. Applications concerning the citizenship of the Russian Federation shall be processed and decisions concerning admission to the citizenship of the Russian Federation under the simplified procedure shall be taken within six months from the day when the application and all the required and duly executed documents were filed.

(As amended by Federal Law N 151-FZ as of 11.11.2003)

4.1. Consideration of applications concerning citizenship of the Russian Federation and issuance of decisions on admission to the Russian Federation citizenship under the simplified procedure in accordance with Part Two.1 and Part Seven of Article 12 of this Federal Law shall be carried out within three months from the day when the application and all the required and duly executed documents were filed.

(Part 4.1 is brought by Federal Law N 71-FZ as of 20.04.2014)

4.2. Consideration of applications for receipt of a notice regarding the possibility of admission to the citizenship of the Russian Federation and issuance of respective decisions shall be performed by the Federal executive agency authorized to perform control and supervision functions in the sphere of migration or its territorial agency within a period of up to three months from the day when the application and all the required and duly executed documents were filed.

(Part 4.1 is brought by Federal Law N 71-FZ as of 20.04.2014)

5. Decisions concerning the Russian Federation citizenship shall be issued in writing and indicate the respective motivations.

### **Article 36. Acceptance of resubmitted applications for the Russian Federation Citizenship**

1. A person in whose respect a decision for the Russian Federation citizenship has been issued may resubmit an application concerning the citizenship of the Russian Federation not earlier than one year after the previous decision was taken.

2. In the event of circumstances that were not or could not be known to the applicant, the resubmitted application may be accepted without complying with the term specified in part one of this Article.

### **Article 37. Day of acquisition or termination of the citizenship of the Russian Federation**

1. The Russian Federation citizenship shall be acquired:  
Under Article 12 of this Federal Law, on the day of the child's birth;  
Under Parts Two and Four of Article 26 of this Federal Law, on the day of the child's adoption;  
Otherwise, on the day of taking the Oath in accordance with Article 11.1 of this Federal Law, except as otherwise envisaged by this Federal Law or by decrees of the President of the Russian Federation.

(As amended by Federal Law N 243-FZ as of 29.07.2017)

2. The citizenship of the Russian Federation shall be terminated on the day of issue of the respective decision by the authorized agency in charge of the Russian Federation citizenship.

### **Article 38. Execution of decisions on the Russian Federation Citizenship**

1. Authorized agencies in charge of the Russian Federation citizenship which accepted application for the Russian Federation citizenship shall inform the persons concerned about the decision taken and issue them respective documents.

1.1 Copies of the decision of the court which has come into effect establishing the fact that the person committed at least one of the following offenses (prepared to commit the offense or attempted to commit it), provided for by Articles 205, 205.1, Part 2 of Article 205.2, Articles 205.3 – 205.5, 206, 208, Part 4 of Article 211, Articles 281, 282.1 - 282.3 and Article 361 of the Criminal Code of the Russian Federation, or at least one of the offenses (prepared to commit the offense or attempted to commit it) provided for by Articles 277 – 279 and 360 of the Criminal Code of the Russian Federation, if their perpetration is linked to terrorist acts, shall be sent by the court of first instance to the authorized agency dealing with cases concerning the citizenship of the Russian Federation within five days from the day the sentence comes into effect.

(Part 1.1 is brought by Federal Law N 243-FZ as of 29.07.2017)

2. The Federal executive agency authorized to perform control and supervision functions in the sphere of migration and the Federal executive agency in charge of foreign affairs shall exercise control over the execution of decisions concerning the citizenship of the Russian Federation and inform the President of the Russian Federation thereof within the time specified in the rules on the procedure for considering matters concerning the citizenship of the Russian Federation, to be approved by the President of the Russian Federation.

(As amended by Federal Law N 121-FZ as of 18.07.2006)

## **CHAPTER VIII. APPEALS OF DECISIONS OF AUTHORIZED AGENCIES IN CHARGE OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION CITIZENSHIP AND ACTIVITY OF THEIR OFFICIALS. SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES CONCERNING THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION CITIZENSHIP**

### **Article 39. Appeals against decisions concerning the Russian Federation Citizenship**



Decision of the authorized agency in charge of the Russian Federation citizenship to reject an application for the citizenship of the Russian Federation shall be appealable in court under the procedure provided by the legislation of the Russian Federation.

**Article 40. Appeals against actions of officials of the authorized agencies in charge of the Russian Federation citizenship**

Refusal to consider an application for the citizenship of the Russian Federation and other actions of officials of authorized agencies in charge of the Russian Federation citizenship that violate the procedure for cases concerning the citizenship of the Russian Federation and the procedure for executing decisions on the citizenship of the Russian Federation shall be appealable before the superior official or in court.

**Article 41. Settlement of disputes concerning the citizenship of a child or incapable person**

Disputes between the parents or between a parent and a guardian or trustee about the citizenship of a child or incapable person shall be heard in judicial proceedings in the light of the interests of the child or incapable person.

**CHAPTER VIII.1. REGULATION OF LEGAL STATUS OF CERTAIN CATEGORIES OF PERSONS REISIDING IN THE TERRITORY OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION**

(Brought by Federal Law N 182-FZ as of 12.11.2012)

**Article 41.1. The subject of regulation and the scope of this Chapter**

1. The following Chapter defines the terms and procedure for admission to the citizenship of the Russian Federation for certain categories of persons residing in the territory of the Russian Federation. These categories shall include:

a) Legally capable persons who possessed the citizenship of the USSR as of 5 September 1991, came to reside in the Russian Federation before 1 November 2002 and did not acquire the Russian Federation citizenship according to the established procedure, provided that they do not possess the citizenship of a foreign state or other valid document certifying their right for permanent residence in a foreign country;

b) Legally capable children of persons referred to in Item “a” of this Part who have reached the age of 18, provided that they do not have the citizenship of a foreign state or other valid document certifying their right for permanent residence in a foreign country;

c) Children of persons referred to in Item “a” of this Part who have not reached the age of 18 (hereinafter – minor children), provided that they do not possess the citizenship of a foreign state or other valid document certifying their right for permanent residence in a foreign country;

d) Legally incapable adults under guardianship of persons referred to in Item “a” of this Part, provided that they do not possess the citizenship of a foreign state or other valid document certifying their right for permanent residence in a foreign country;

e) Former USSR citizens who acquired the passport of the Russian Federation prior to 1 July 2002, whose Russian Federation citizenship had not been established later by the competent authority that is responsible for the Russian Federation citizenship matters, and who possess the citizenship of a foreign state, provided that they do not have a valid document certifying their right for permanent residence in a

foreign country;

2. Persons referred to in Part 1 of this Article may adjust their legal status through the expression of their will to be admitted to the citizenship of the Russian Federation in accordance with this Federal Law or to be granted a residence permit in accordance with the Federal Law N 115-FZ “On Legal Status of Foreign Citizens in the Russian Federation” as of 25 July 2002.

3. This Chapter also establishes the conditions and procedure for recognition of persons residing in the territory of the Russian Federation who have had USSR citizenship, obtained the passport of the Russian Federation citizen prior to 1 July 2002 and did not acquire the Russian Federation citizenship in accordance with the established procedure, as the citizens of the Russian Federation, provided that they do not possess the citizenship of a foreign state or another valid document certifying their right and the right of their children to permanent residence in a foreign country.

4. Persons referred to in Part 3 of this Article who do not wish to be recognized as citizens of the Russian Federation, may apply for a residence permit in accordance with the Federal Law N 115-FZ “On Legal Status of Foreign Citizens in the Russian Federation” as of 25 July 2002.

5. Persons specified in this Article may not be subject to administrative prosecution for violation of the rules of entry to the Russian Federation, regime for stay (residence) in the Russian Federation, illegal work in the Russian Federation or violation of immigration rules, if such violations were recorded following the submission by the said persons of an application for recognition as citizens of the Russian Federation, admittance to the Russian Federation citizenship or issuance of a residence permit.

#### **Article 41.2. Conditions and procedure for recognition as the citizens of the Russian Federation**

1. Persons referred to in Part 3 of Article 41.1 may be recognized as citizens of the Russian Federation if they filed an application for recognition as the Russian Federation citizens, except as provided for in Part 4 of this Article and unless there are specific grounds for rejection of applications provided for in Items “a”, “b”, and “c” of Part one of Article 16 of this Federal Law.

2. Persons referred to in Part one of this Article, shall be recognized as citizens of the Russian Federation pursuant to decision of the territorial agency of the Federal executive agency authorized to perform control and supervision functions in the sphere of migration (hereinafter - territorial agency).

3. Minor children referred to in Part 3 of Article 41.1 of this Federal Law shall be recognized as citizens of the Russian Federation if they have not acquired it before under the established procedure. Recognition of minor children aged 14 to 18 as Russian Federation citizens shall be carried out with their consent.

4. A person shall not be recognized as the citizen of the Russian Federation if:

a) The passport of the citizen of the Russian Federation was issued based on forged documents presented or false information knowingly provided by the applicant;

b) The passport of the citizen of the Russian Federation was issued on a lost (stolen) blank passport, which the applicant for recognition as the Russian Federation citizen knew about;

c) He/She as a previously foreign citizen or stateless person was handed over by the Russian Federation to a foreign state upon its request for criminal prosecution or execution of the sentence;

d) After the first instance of being issued the passport of the Russian Federation citizen the said person acquired the citizenship of the Russian Federation in

accordance with the procedure established by this Federal Law;

e) After the first instance of being issued the passport of the Russian Federation citizen the said person was authorized to withdraw from the citizenship of the Russian Federation on the ground of the expression of his/her will in accordance with the procedure established by law;

f) After the first instance of being issued the passport of the Russian Federation citizen the said person acquired the citizenship of a foreign country or other valid document certifying his/her right for permanent residence in a foreign country, except for the cases when in accordance with the Federal law or international treaty of the Russian Federation the said person can have a citizenship of a foreign state (dual citizenship).

### **Article 41.3. Conditions of admission to the citizenship of the Russian Federation**

1. Persons referred to in Part one of Article 41.1 of this Federal Law shall be admitted to the citizenship of the Russian Federation without complying with the terms specified in Items “a”, “c”, and “e” of Part one of Article 13 of this Federal Law, presenting the permit for temporary residence and the permit for permanent residence, provided that there are no grounds to reject an application specified in Article 16 of this Federal Law.

2. Admittance of minor children aged 14 to 18 to the citizenship of the Russian Federation shall be performed with their consent;

### **Article 41.4. Applications for recognition as a Russian Federation citizen and admittance to the citizenship of the Russian Federation**

1. Applications for recognition as a Russian Federation citizen and admittance to the citizenship of the Russian Federation from persons referred to in Article 41.1 of this Federal Law shall be submitted by the applicant in person in writing on a prescribed form to the territorial agency at the place of the applicant’s residence or place of stay (where a registration at the place of residence or temporary stay exists), or, in the absence thereof, at the place of actual residence.

2. Recognition of minor children as citizens of the Russian Federation and their admittance to the citizenship of the Russian Federation shall be performed pursuant to the application of their parents which provides information about the minor children.

3. When the application for recognition as a Russian citizen is submitted for consideration, the applicant shall be given a certificate on a prescribed form with an inventory of documents received from him/her. The form of the certificate shall be established by the Federal executive agency authorized to perform control and supervision functions in the sphere of migration.

4. An applicant who does not possess a valid identification document, including as a result of the revocation of the passport of a citizen of the Russian Federation, shall be given an identity document on the day of the submission of his/her application for recognition as a citizen of the Russian Federation or admittance to the Russian Federation citizenship, containing his/her personal data and a photo and valid for the period while the applicant’s request is under consideration. Once the applicant is issued passport of the Russian Federation citizen, the said document shall be revoked. The form of the document, which is a strictly accountable form, and the period of its validity shall be established by the Federal executive agency authorized to perform control and supervision functions in the sphere of migration.

5. While the application for recognition as a citizen of the Russian Federation or admittance to the citizenship of the Russian Federation is under consideration, the

identity of the applicant who does not possess a valid identification document shall be established in accordance with the Federal Law No. 115-FZ “On Legal Status of Foreign Citizens in the Russian Federation” as of 25 July 2002.

6. The form of application for recognition as a citizen of the Russian Federation and the list of documents to be attached to it shall be determined by the regulations on the procedure for considering matters concerning the citizenship of the Russian Federation, which are approved by the President of the Russian Federation.

7. The application form for admittance to the citizenship of the Russian Federation and the list of documents to be attached to it shall be determined in accordance with Article 33 of this Federal Law.

#### **Article 41.5. Timeline for the consideration and decision-making on applications for recognition as a citizen of the Russian Federation and admittance to the citizenship of the Russian Federation**

1. In accordance with this Federal law, applications concerning the recognition as a citizen of the Russian Federation shall be processed and respective decisions shall be taken by the territorial agency within two months from the day when the application and all the required and duly executed documents were filed.

2. Applications concerning acquiring the citizenship of the Russian Federation shall be processed and respective decisions shall be taken within six months from the day when the application and all the required and duly executed documents were filed.

3. If it is necessary to establish the identity of the applicant, the deadline specified in Parts One and Two of this Article, shall be extended for the time required to establish the identity of the applicant, but by no more than three months.

#### **Article 41.6. Powers of the territorial agencies to implement this Federal Law**

In order to implement this Chapter territorial agencies shall:

a) Process applications concerning the recognition as a citizen of the Russian Federation and admittance to the citizenship of the Russian Federation and take decisions on these requests;

b) Carry out the decisions taken and issue relevant documents;

c) Keep records of persons who applied for the citizenship of the Russian Federation;

d) Perform collection, recording, verification and assessment of evidence proving the existence or lack of the grounds and conditions, as established by this Federal Law, to be recognized as a citizen of the Russian Federation, to take a decision on the admittance to the citizenship of the Russian Federation, and record the said actions in relevant documents;

e) Establish the fact of applicants’ arrival to the Russian Federation prior to 1 November 2002 and their residence in the Russian Federation up until the day of submission of application for admission to the citizenship of the Russian Federation and adopt a reasoned decision on whether an applicant falls into one of the categories of persons specified in Item “a” of Part 1 of Article 41.1 of this Federal Law.

f) Conduct an obligatory fingerprinting and photographing and maintain data stores created in the process of fingerprinting in cases provided for by federal laws;

g) Establish a person’s identity in the case provided for in Part Five of Article 41.4 of this Federal Law;

h) Carry out other functions provided for in this Federal Law, other federal laws or other legal instruments of the Russian Federation.

**Article 41.7. Decision-making on applications to be recognized as a citizen of the Russian Federation and admittance to the citizenship of the Russian Federation. Date of acquisition of citizenship of the Russian Federation**

1. Decisions concerning the recognition as a citizen of the Russian Federation or admittance to the citizenship of the Russian Federation shall be issued by the territorial agency in writing and indicate the respective motivations.

2. Citizenship of the Russian Federation shall be acquired:

a) In accordance with Article 41.2 of this Federal Law - from the day of the first instance of being issued the passport of the Russian Federation citizen;

b) In accordance with Part One of Article 41.3 of this Federal Law – from the day of taking the decision on admittance to the citizenship of the Russian Federation.

**Article 41.8. Reversal of decisions on the recognition as a citizen of the Russian Federation or admittance to the citizenship of the Russian Federation**

1. A decision to recognize a person as a citizen of the Russian Federation or grant the citizenship of the Russian Federation shall be reversed should it be established that the said decision was adopted on the basis of forged documents presented or false information knowingly provided by the applicant.

2. Reversal of the decision to recognize a person as a citizen of the Russian Federation or grant the citizenship of the Russian Federation shall be carried out by the director or deputy director of the federal executive authority authorize to perform control and supervision functions in the sphere of migration.

3. A decision to recognize a person as a citizen of the Russian Federation or grant the citizenship of the Russian Federation shall be considered as null and void on the day of its reversal.

4. A decision to reverse the decision to recognize a person as a citizen of the Russian Federation or grant the citizenship of the Russian Federation may be appealed in court.

**Article 41.9. Re-examination of applications on recognition as a citizen of the Russian Federation or admittance to the citizenship of the Russian Federation**

1. Persons who fall under this Chapter and whose applications for recognition as a citizen of the Russian Federation or admission to the citizenship of the Russian Federation were rejected, may re-apply when the circumstances that led to rejection provided for in Items “d”, “e”, “f”, “g”, “h”, “I” of Part One of Article 16 of this Federal Law, cease to exist, but no earlier than one year after the issuance of the previous decision.

2. Before the circumstances that prevent the recognition as a citizen of the Russian Federation or admission to the citizenship of the Russian Federation cease to exist, persons referred to in Part One of this Article, may temporarily reside in the Russian Federation upon authorization of a territorial agency. The permission shall be indicated as a stamp in migration card issued to the said person by the territorial agency.

**CHAPTER IX. CONCLUDING PROVISIONS**

**Article 42. Validity of documents issued in conformity with the previous legislation on the citizenship of the Russian Federation**

Documents issued in conformity with the previous legislation on the citizenship of the Russian Federation shall retain their legal force, provided they have been properly executed, and shall be considered valid on the day of entry into force of this Federal Law.

**Article 43. Procedure for considering applications concerning the citizenship of the Russian Federation accepted prior to entry into force of this Federal Law**

1. The examination and decision-making on applications concerning the citizenship of the Russian Federation accepted prior to the entry into force of this Federal Law shall comply with this Federal Law, except for the cases specified in part two of this Article.

2. Where the Law of the Russian Federation “On Citizenship of the Russian Federation” established the procedure for the acquisition or termination of the citizenship of the Russian Federation that is more preferential than in this Federal Law, the examination of and decision-making on applications referred to in part one of this Article shall be effected in accordance with the procedure established by the aforesaid Law of the Russian Federation.

**Article 44. Bringing of Normative Legal Acts Into Conformity with this Federal Law**

1. From the day of entry into force of this Federal Law, the following acts shall be declared invalid:

Decree of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the RSFSR, “On the Procedure for Admission to the Citizenship of the RSFSR” as of 29 June 1981 (Vedomosti Verkhovnogo Soveta RSFSR, 1981, No. 26, i. 903);

Decree of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the RSFSR, “On Approving the Rules on the Procedure for Considering Matters Concerning Admission to the Citizenship of the RSFSR in the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the RSFSR” as of 29 June 1981;

Law of the RSFSR “On Approving the Decree of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the RSFSR, “On the Procedure for Admission to the Citizenship of the RSFSR”, as of 8 July 1981 (Vedomosti Verkhovnogo Soveta RSFSR, 1981, No. 28, i. 982);

Law of the Russian Federation No. 1948-1 “On the Citizenship of the Russian Federation” as of November 28, 1991 (Vedomosti Syezda narodnykh deputatov Rossiyskoi Federatsii i Verkhovnogo Soveta Rossiyskoi Federatsii, 1992, No. 6, i. 243), except for items “a”, “b” and “c” of Article 18, part three of Article 19, Articles 20 and 41, which establish a more facilitated procedure, as compared to this Federal Law, for the acquisition or termination of the citizenship of the Russian Federation by persons whose applications concerning citizenship were accepted for processing prior to entry into force of this Federal Law;

Items 2 – 4 and 7 – 18 of the Russian Federation Law No. 5206-1 “On Introducing Amendments and Additions into the Law of the RSFSR “On Citizenship of the RSFSR” as of 17 June 1993 (Vedomosti Syezda narodnykh deputatov Rossiyskoi Federatsii i Verkhovnogo Soveta Rossiyskoi Federatsii, 1993, No. 29, i. 1112);

Federal Law No. 13-FZ “On Introducing an Amendment into the Russian

Federation Law “On Citizenship of the Russian Federation” as of 6 February 1995 (Sobraniye zakonodaylstva Rossiyskoi Federatsii, 1995, No. 7, i. 496);

Article 11 of Federal Law No. 99-FZ “On the State Policy of the Russian Federation with regard to Compatriots Abroad” as of 24 May 1999 (Sobraniye zakonodaylstva Rossiyskoi Federatsii, 1999, No. 22, i. 2670).

2. The President of the Russian Federation and Government of the Russian Federation shall be advised to bring the normative legal acts into conformity with this Federal Law within six months of the day of its entry into force.

#### **Article 45. Effectiveness of this Federal Law**

This Federal Law shall enter into force on 1 July 2002.

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