

**Order issued by the Plenary of the Federal Constitutional Court  
pursuant to § 14 sec. 4 of the Federal Constitutional Court Act**

**on 15 November 1993, as amended on 19 November 2014**

*Translation by the Federal Constitutional Court*

On 15 November 1993, and most recently amending its order on 19 November 2014, the Plenary of the Federal Constitutional Court, acting under § 14 sec. 4 of the Federal Constitutional Court Act in the version published on 11 August 1993 (Federal Law Gazette, *Bundesgesetzblatt* – BGBl. I p. 1473), decided as follows:

A. Effective 1 January 1994, in deviation from § 14 secs. 1 to 3 of the Federal Constitutional Court Act (*Bundesverfassungsgerichtsgesetz* – BVerfGG), the Second Senate of the Federal Constitutional Court shall also be competent

I. for abstract or specific judicial review proceedings (§ 13 nos. 6 and 11 BVerfGG) and constitutional complaints with the following subject-matter:

1. asylum law;
2. the Aliens Act and international mutual assistance in criminal matters;
3. nationality law;
4. public employment law and religious societies' employment law that is modelled on public employment law, including the disciplinary law for both fields;
5. military service law and alternative civilian service law, including the disciplinary law for both fields;
6. criminal law and the law of criminal procedure, excluding proceedings primarily concerning the interpretation and application of Article 5 or Article 8 of the Basic Law [*Grundgesetz* – GG];
7. implementation of pretrial detention and prison sentences, as well as custodial measures of prevention and correction and orders for and implementation of other measures of deprivation of liberty;
8. administrative fining proceedings;
9. law on income tax including church tax law;

II. for both judicial review proceedings and constitutional complaints that are brought before the Court in the judicial years 2009 to 2015 and that deal with

1. the law on displaced persons;
2. weapons law;
3. the right of petition;
4. the law on execution sales and compulsory enforcement [translator's note: of judgments et al.] (excluding certain proceedings that deal with substantive law);
5. corporate tax law and tax law on corporate transformations;
6. insolvency law (excluding proceedings in which a violation of Article 12 GG is asserted);
7. the law on home ownership.

III. 1. Furthermore, for judicial review proceedings and constitutional complaints

a) that mainly deal with the interpretation and application of international law or of Arts. 23, 24 and 59 GG, with the exception of the individual human rights guarantees;

b) that primarily concern other issues than interpreting and applying Articles 1 to 17, 19, 101 and 103 sec. 1 GG (also in conjunction with the principle of rule of law);

2. moreover, for constitutional complaints in the field of civil law (excluding family law and inheritance law) of complainants whose last name begins with a letter between I and Z if the complaints primarily concern violations of Article 101 sec. 1 GG or Article 103 sec. 1 GG..

B. The previous delimitation of competences between the Senates shall continue to apply to cases brought before the Court on or before 31 December 1993.

C. The order of the Federal Constitutional Court of 6 October 1982 (BGBl. I p. 1735), in the version of the order of the Federal Constitutional Court dating from 15 December 1989 (BGBl. I p. 2259), shall cease to have effect at the end of 31 December 1993.