

Law of Georgia

Amendments to the Criminal Procedure Code of Georgia

Article 1. The following Article 332⁵ shall be added to the Criminal Procedure Code of Georgia (Legislative Herald of Georgia, 31, 03.11.2009, Art. 190):

„Article 332⁵. Interim regulations for court hearings until 15 July 2020

1. Until 15 July 2020, in case of pandemic or/and epidemic situations posing grave threat to public health the court hearings under criminal procedure legislation of Georgia may be held remotely, using technical means, if:

- a) the accused/convicted/acquitted person consents;
- b) detention has been applied against the accused as a measure of restraint, a convicted person has been sentenced to imprisonment, or/and the public interest of criminal prosecution may be impaired without holding the hearing under such conditions.

2. Once the court hearing is organized in line with paragraph 1 of this article, none of the participants of the criminal proceedings can refuse to attend remote court hearing out of their desire to be physically present in the court room.

Article 2. This law comes into force upon publication.

President of Georgia

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