

Trying the case behind closed doors

Article 263

(1) The case shall be examined or individual acts within court proceedings shall occur behind closed doors where this is required in view of safeguarding the state secret or morality, as well as in the hypotheses of Article 123, Paragraph 2, item 2.

(2) The provision of paragraph (1) may also apply where this is necessary for preventing the divulgence of facts pertaining to the intimate life of citizens.

(3) (New, SG No. 109/2008) Witnesses who are children or minors, having become victims of crime, may be interrogated behind closed doors.

(4) (Renumbered from Paragraph 3, SG No. 109/2008) Sentences shall be announced publicly in all cases.

Individuals who may attend court hearings behind closed doors

Article 264

(1) Court hearings behind closed doors may be attended by individuals whom the presiding judge authorises to do so, as well as one individual indicated by each accused party.

(2) The provision of paragraph 1 shall not apply where there is a risk of divulging a state or other secret under statutory protection, as well as in the hypotheses of Article 123, Paragraph 2, item 2.