Selection of DC decisions

Conformity Decisions - Control of constitutionality of ordinary laws, organic laws, treaties, and regulations of the houses of Parliament

It is mandatory that the organic laws and regulations of the houses of Parliament be referred to the Constitutional Council prior to the enactment of the former and prior to the entry into force of the latter. An international commitment may also be referred to the Council prior to the ratification or approval of the commitment. Ordinary legislation may be referred to the Council prior to its enactment. In these last two cases, the law under review, either by a political authority (the President of the Republic, the Prime Minister or the president of the National Assembly or the Senate), or by at least 60 members of Parliament or 60 senators, may be referred to the Council in different ways depending upon the law.

Constitutional review and Institutions

- Decision no. 2009-595 DC of 3 December 2009 - Institutional Act pertaining to the Application of Article 61-1 of the Constitution
  - Press handout
  - Commentary of the decision

- Decision no. 2008-566 DC of 9 July 2008 - Institutional Act pertaining to the Archives of the Constitutional Council

Constitutional review as regards treaties and international agreements

- Decision no. 2017-749 DC of 31 July 2017 - Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement between Canada, on the one hand, and the European Union and its Member States, on the other

- Decision no. 2010-605 DC of 12 May 2010 - Act pertaining to the Opening up to Competition and the Regulation of Online Betting and Gambling

- Decision no. 98-408 DC of 22 January 1999 - Treaty laying down the Statute of the International Criminal Court

- Decision no. 74-54 DC of 15 January 1975 - Voluntary Interruption of Pregnancy Act

- Decision no. 2012-647 DC of 28 February 2012 - Law on the punishment of denials of the existence of genocides recognised by law

Constitutional review and Community primary legislation

- Decision no. 2012-653 DC of 9 August 2012 - Treaty on Stability, Coordination and Governance in the Economic and Monetary Union

- Decision no. 2010-605 DC of 12 May 2010 - Act pertaining to the Opening up to Competition and the Regulation of Online Betting and Gambling


- Decision no. 2004-505 DC of 19 November 2004 - Treaty establishing a Constitution for Europe

- Decision no. 97-394 DC of 31 December 1997 - Treaty of Amsterdam amending the Treaty on European Union, the Treaties establishing the European Communities and certain related instruments

Source: Conseil constitutionnel
Constitutional review and Community secondary legislation

- Decision no. 2018-773 DC of 20 December 2018 - Law on the fight against the manipulation of information
- Decision no. 2015-713 DC of 23 July 2015 - Law on intelligence
- Decision no. 2009-590 DC of 22 October 2009 - Act pertaining to the Protection under Criminal law of Literary and Artistic Property on the Internet
- Decision no. 2009-580 DC of 10 June 2009 - Act furthering the diffusion and protection of creation on the Internet
- Decision no. 2009-577 DC of 3 March 2009 - Act pertaining to Audiovisual Communication and the New Public Television Service
- Decision no. 2009-576 DC of 3 March 2009 - Institutional Act pertaining to the appointment of the Presidents of the companies France Télévisions and Radio France and of the company in charge of France's external audiovisual services
- Decision no. 2006-543 DC of 30 November 2006 - Act pertaining to the energy sector
- Decision no. 2006-540 DC of 27 July 2006 - Copyright and related rights in the information Society
- Decision no. 98-400 DC of 20 May 1998 - Institutional Act on the conditions for the application of Article 88-3 of the Constitution relating to the exercise by citizens of the European Union residing in France, not being French nationals, of the right to vote and stand as candidates at municipal elections and transposing Directive 94/80/EC of 19 December 1994

Constitutional review as regards bioethics and abortion

- Decision no. 2017-747 DC of 16 March 2017 - Law relating to expanding the offence of impeding access to voluntary termination of pregnancy
- Decision no. 2008-564 DC of 19 June 2008 - Genetically Modified Organisms
- Decision no. 2004-498 DC of 29 July 2004 - The Bioethics Act
- Decision no. 2001-449 DC of 4 July 2001 - Voluntary Interruption of Pregnancy (Abortion) and Contraception Act
- Decision no. 2001-446 DC of 27 June 2001 - Voluntary Interruption of Pregnancy (Abortion) and Contraception Act
- Decision no. 94-343/344 DC of 27 July 1994 - Respect for human body Act and donation and use of parts and products of the human body, medically assisted reproduction and prenatal diagnosis Act
- Decision no. 74-54 DC of 15 January 1975 - Voluntary Interruption of Pregnancy Act

Constitutional review as regards equality between women and men

- Decision no. 2000-429 DC of 30 May 2000 - Act to promote equal access of women and men to electoral mandates and elective offices
- Decision no. 98-407 DC of 14 January 1999 - Act determining the mode of election of regional councillors and of councillors in the Corsican Assembly, and the operation of regional councils (extracts)
- Decision no. 82-146 DC of 18 November 1982 - Act amending the Electoral Code and the Code of Municipalities and governing the election of municipal councillors and the conditions for entry of French nationals residing outside France in electoral registers

Constitutional review and immigration

- Decision no. 2011-631 DC of 9 June 2011 - Law on immigration, integration and citizenship
- Decision no. 2007-557 DC of 18 November 2007 - Act relating to the control of immigration, integration and asylum

Source : Conseil constitutionnel
Constitutional review as regards the law of nationality

- Decision no. 98-399 DC of 5 May 1998 - Aliens (Entry and Residence in France and Right of Asylum) Act
- Decision no. 97-389 DC of 22 April 1997 - Act making various provisions in respect of immigration
- Decision no. 93-325 DC of 13 August 1993 - Act on the control of immigration and conditions of entry, reception and residence for aliens in France

Constitutional review as regards elections, territorial and linguistic subdivisions

- Decision no. 96-377 DC of 16 July 1996 - Act to strengthen enforcement measures to combat terrorism and violence against holders of public office or public service functions and to enact measures relating to the criminal investigation police
- Decision no. 93-321 DC of 20 July 1993 - Code of Nationality (Reform) Act
- Decision no. 91-293 DC of 23 July 1991 - Public Service (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act
- Decision no. 2017-752 DC of 8 September 2017 - Law on confidence in political life
- Decision no. 2013-156 PDR of 4th July 2013, following an appeal from Mr Nicolas Sarkozy against the decision of 19 December 2012 of the National Commission for Campaigns Accounts and Political Financing
- Decision no. 2013-667 DC of 16 May 2013 - Law on the election of departmental councillors, municipal councillors and community councillors, and amending the electoral calendar
- Decision no. 2011-632 DC of 23 June 2011 - Law determining the number of local councillors for each Department and each region
- Decision no. 2008-573 DC of 8 January 2009 - Act pertaining to the Committee provided for in Article 25 of the Constitution and the Election of Members of the National Assembly
- Decision no. 2008-572 DC of 8 January 2009 - Institutional Act on the application of Article 25 of the Constitution
- Decision no. 2001-454 DC of 17 January 2002 - Corsica Act
- Decision no. 2001-456 DC of 27 December 2001 - Finance Act for 2002 (extracts)
- Decision no. 99-412 DC of 15 June 1999 - European Charter for regional or minority languages
- Decision no. 96-373 DC of 9 April 1996 - Institutional Act laying down rules governing the autonomous status of French Polynesia
- Decision no. 94-345 DC of 29 July 1994 - Act concerning the use of the French language
- Decision no. 91-290 DC of 23 July 1991 - Act on the statute of the territorial unit of Corsica

Constitutional review as regards Freedom of the Individual

- Decision no. 2019-780 DC of 4 April 2019 - Law aiming to strengthen and guarantee maintaining public order during demonstrations
- Decision no. 2018-765 DC of 12 June 2018 - Law related to the protection of personal data
- Decision no. 2016-745 DC of 26 January 2017 - Law relating to equality and citizenship
- Decision no. 2016-739 DC of 17 November 2016 - Law on the modernisation of justice in the 21st century
- Decision no. 2016-738 DC of 10 November 2016 - Law for enhancing freedom, independence and pluralism in the media
- Decision no. 2014-693 DC of 25 March 2014 - Law on geolocation
- Decision no. 2013-669 DC of 17 May 2013 - Law providing for same-sex marriage
Constitutional review as regards economic and social rights

- Decision no. 2019-790 DC of 1 August 2019 - Law on transformation of civil service (Extracts)
- Decision no. 2019-787 DC of 25 July 2019 - Law for schools that build confidence
- Decision no. 2018-758 DC of 28 December 2017 - Law on finances for 2018
- Decision no. 2017-750 DC of 23 March 2017 - Law on the duty of oversight of parent companies and commissioning enterprises
- Decision no. 2016-744 DC of 29 December 2016 - Law on finances for 2017
- Decision no. 2016-741 DC of 8 December 2016 - Law relating to transparency, the fight against corruption and the modernisation of economic life
- Decision no. 2014-692 DC of 27 March 2014 - Law to recapture the real economy
- Decision no. 2014-690 DC of 13 March 2014 - Law on Consumer Affairs
- Decision no. 2013-672 DC of 13 June 2013 - Law on the protection of employment
- Decision no. 2012-662 DC of 29 December 2012 - Law on finances for 2013
- Decision no. 2012-654 DC of 9 August 2012 - Supplementary Law on finances for 2012
- Decision no. 2010-617 DC of 9 November 2010 - Act to Reform Retirement Pensions
- Decision no. 2009-588 DC of 6 August 2009 - Act reaffirming the principle of Sunday rest and designed to provide for exceptions to this principle for employees volunteering to work on Sundays in touristic and thermal Communes and areas and certain conurbations
- Decision no. 2008-568 DC of 7 August 2008 - Act renovating social democracy and reforming working hours
- Decision no. 2007-556 DC of 16 August 2007 - Act on Social Dialogue and the Continuity of the Public Service in Regular Public Land-based Passenger Transport
- Decision no. 2006-543 DC of 30 November 2006 - Act pertaining to the energy sector

Constitutional review as regards taxation

- Decision no. 2007-555 DC of 16 August 2007 - Act pertaining to work, employment and purchasing power

Source: Conseil constitutionnel
Constitutional review as regards environnement

- Decision no. 2014-694 DC of 28 May 2014 - Law prohibiting the cultivation of varieties of genetically modified maize

- Decision no. 2013-666 DC of 11 April 2013 - Law aiming to prepare the transition towards a streamlined energy system and laying down miscellaneous provisions on tariff rates for water and on wind turbines

Source: Conseil constitutionnel