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Morgan G. Acid-base balance // Clinical anaesthesiology / Ed. by Turner D. A. – 2nd ed. – Philadelphia: W. B. Saunders, 2005. – Pp. 225–240.

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Administratīvā procesa likums. 25.10.2001. likums // [Latvijas Vēstnesis](https://www.vestnesis.lv/ta/id/55567-administrativa-procesa-likums), 164 (2551), 14.11.2001. (pamatredakcija) Stājies spēkā 01.02.2004. Konsolidētā redakcijā pieejams: <http://likumi.lv/doc.php?id=55567> (sk.15.06.2015.).

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Eiropas Padomes 2008.gada 27.novembra Pamatlēmums 2008/947/TI par savstarpējas atzīšanas principa piemērošanu tādiem spriedumiem un probācijas lēmumiem, kuri paredzēti probācijas pasākumu un alternatīvu sankciju uzraudzībai// Eiropas Savienības Oficiālais Vēstnesis, L 337, 2008. gada 16. decembris.

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Satversmes tiesas 2008. gada 29. aprīļa spriedums lietā Nr. 2007-25-01/ [Latvijas Vēstnesis](https://www.vestnesis.lv/ta/id/174852-par-kriminalprocesa-likuma-parejas-noteikumu-3-punkta-atbilstibu-latvijas-republikas-satversmes-91-pantam), 69 (3853), 07.05.2008.

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