WOMEN'S CITIZENSHIP

Until April 26, 1983, a woman's citizenship followed that of her husband, in accordance with the provisions of the Civil Code of 1865 (Articles 9 and 10) and Law 555/1912 (Article 10, paragraph 1).

From 1865 until April 26, 1983, therefore, a **foreign woman** automatically acquired Italian citizenship through marriage (retaining it in the event of widowhood).

An **Italian woman who had been naturalized before marriage** and married an Italian citizen before April 27, 1983, reacquires Italian citizenship through marriage.

An Italian woman who acquires foreign citizenship by her marriage to an Italian citizen DOES NOT LOSE ITALIAN CITIZENSHIP only if her spouse maintains Italian citizenship until August 16, 1992 (opinion of the Council of State of the 5th of March 1997 – K.24).

WOMEN'S LOSS OF CITIZENSHIP

Until 1912, a woman lost her citizenship upon the naturalization of her husband (Article 11 of the Civil Code of 1865).

After 1912, a woman lost her citizenship as a result of her husband's naturalization if the marriage took place before January 1, 1948 (Constitutional Court Judgment No. 87 of 1975).