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OJ of the EU, L 107/1 of 25 April 2017

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OJ of the EU, L 100/1 of 12 April 2017

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8. Education, Training, Youth, Culture, Research and Innovation

Case Law

Case C-331/15 P: OPINION OF ADVOCATE GENERAL WATHELET of 6 April 2017 - French Republic v Carl Schlyter - Appeal — Access to documents — Detailed opinion of the Commission concerning a draft Order relating to the annual declaration of nanoparticle substances communicated to the Commission by the French authorities pursuant to Directive 98/34/EC — Decision of the Commission refusing access — Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 — Third indent of Article 4(2) — Exception to the right of access — Protection of the purposes of the investigations

CURIA – Opinion of Advocate General in Case C-331/15 of 6 April 2017

9. Employment and Social Affairs

Case Law

Case C-620/15: JUDGMENT OF THE COURT (First Chamber) of 27 April 2017 - A-Rosa Flussschiff GmbH v Union de recouvrement des cotisations de sécurité sociale et d'allocations familiales (Urssaf) d'Alsace, successor in law to the Urssaf du Bas-Rhin and Sozialversicherungsanstalt des Kantons Graubünden - REQUEST for a preliminary ruling under Article 267 TFEU from the Cour de cassation (France) - Reference for a preliminary ruling — Migrant workers — Social security — Legislation applicable — Regulation (EEC) No 1408/71 — Article 14(2)(a) — Regulation (EEC) No 574/72 — Article 12a(1a) — Agreement between the European Community and the Swiss Confederation — Travelling personnel — Workers posted to another Member State — Swiss branch — E 101 certificate — Probative value

CURIA – Judgment of the Court of Justice in Case C-620/15 27 of April 2017

Joined Cases C-680/15 and C-681/15: JUDGMENT OF THE COURT (Third Chamber) of 27 April 2017 - Asklepios Kliniken Langen-Seligenstadt GmbH v Ivan Felja (C-680/15) and Asklepios Dienstleistungsgesellschaft mbH v Vittoria Graf (C-681/15) - REQUESTS for a preliminary ruling under Article 267 TFEU made by the Bundesarbeitsgericht (Federal Labour Court, Germany) - References for a preliminary ruling — Transfer of undertakings — Safeguarding of employees' rights — Directive 2001/23/EC — Article 3 — Contract of employment — Legislation of a Member State authorising the incorporation of clauses referring to collective labour agreements after the date of the transfer — Effects with regard to the transferee CURIA — Judgment of the Court of Justice in Case C-680/15 27 of April 2017

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Case C-531/15: OPINION OF ADVOCATE GENERAL SHARPSTON OF 6 April 2017 - Elda Otero Ramos v Servicio Galego de Saúde and Instituto Nacional de la Seguridad Social - Request for a preliminary ruling from the Tribunal Superior de Justicia de Galicia (High Court of Justice of Galicia, Spain) - Social policy - Directive 2006/54/EC - Equal treatment of male and female workers - Article 19 - Rules reversing the burden of proof - Directive 92/85/EEC - Article 4 - Assessment for activities liable to involve exposure to agents, processes or working conditions

CURIA – Opinion of Advocate General in Case C-531/15 of 6 April 2017

CURIA – Judgment of the Court of Justice in Case C-336/15 6 of April 2017

Case C-175/16: OPINION OF ADVOCATE GENERAL WATHELET of 6 April 2017 - Hannele Hälvä, Sari Naukkarinen, Pirjo Paajanen and Satu Piik v SOS-Lapsikylä ry - Request for a preliminary ruling from the Korkein oikeus (Supreme Court, Finland) - Reference for a preliminary ruling — Directive 2003/88/EC — Article 17 — Purely internal situation — Protection of the safety and health of workers — Organisation of working time — Workers employed as 'relief parents' in children's villages during the absence of 'foster parents', by a child protection association organising the care and maintenance of children taken into care by the municipalities in a family environment within children's villages

CURIA – Opinion of Advocate General in Case C-175/16 of 6 April 2017

Case C-652/15: JUDGMENT OF THE COURT (First Chamber) of 29 March 2017 - Furkan Tekdemir, legally represented by Derya Tekdemir and Nedim Tekdemir v Kreis Bergstraße - REQUEST for a preliminary ruling under Article 267 TFEU from the Verwaltungsgericht Darmstadt (Administrative Court, Darmstadt, Germany) - Reference for a preliminary ruling — Association Agreement between the European Union and Turkey — Decision No 1/80 — Article 13 — 'Standstill' clause — Right of residence of members of the family of a Turkish worker duly registered as belonging to the labour force of a Member State — Existence of an overriding reason in the public interest justifying new restrictions — Efficient management of migration flows — Requirement for nationals of third countries under 16 years old to hold a residence permit — Proportionality CURIA — Judgment of the Court of Justice in Case C-652/15 of 29 March 2017

Case C-126/16: OPINION OF ADVOCATE GENERAL MENGOZZI of 29 March 2017 - Federatie Nederlandse Vakvereniging, Karin van den Burg-Vergeer, Lyoba Tanja Alida Kukupessy, Danielle Paase-Teeuwen and Astrid Johanna Geertruda Petronelle Schenk v Smallsteps BV - Request for a preliminary ruling from the Rechtbank MiddenNederland (District Court, Central Netherlands) - Reference for a preliminary ruling — Directive 2001/23/EC — Safeguarding employees' rights in the event of transfers of undertakings — Article 5(1) — Exception in the event of bankruptcy or insolvency proceedings — 'Pre-pack' — Continuation of the undertaking's business

CURIA – Opinion of Advocate General in Case C-126/16 of 29 March 2017

10. Energy and Environment

Community Legislation

COMMISSION DELEGATED REGULATION (EU) 2017/723 of 16 February 2017 amending Delegated Regulation (EU) No 640/2014 supplementing Regulation (EU) No 1306/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to the integrated administration and control system and conditions for refusal or withdrawal of payments and administrative penalties applicable to direct payments, rural development support and cross compliance

OJ of the EU, L 107/1 of 25 April 2017

Case C-535/15: JUDGMENT OF THE COURT (Third Chamber) of 27 April 2017 - Freie und Hansestadt Hamburg v Jost Pinckernelle and Vertreter des Bundesinteresses beim Bundesverwaltungsgericht - REQUEST for a preliminary ruling under Article 267 TFEU from the Bundesverwaltungsgericht (Federal Administrative Court, Germany) - Reference for a preliminary ruling — Registration, evaluation, authorisation and restriction of chemicals — Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 (REACH Regulation) — General obligation to register and information requirements — Unregistered chemicals — Export of unregistered chemicals outside the territory of the European Union

CURIA – Judgment of the Court of Justice in Case C-535/15 of 27 April 2017

Affaire C-202/16: ARRÊT DE LA COUR (dixième chambre) du 27 avril 2017 - Commission européenne contre République hellénique - ayant pour objet un recours en manquement au titre de l'article 258 TFUE - Manquement d'État - Environnement - Gestion des déchets - Directives 2008/98/CE et 1999/31/CE - Site de mise en décharge des déchets de Temploni (Grèce)

CURIA – Arrêt de la Cour de Justice dans l'affaire C-202/16 du 27 avril 2017 (FR seulement)

Case C-142/16: JUDGMENT OF THE COURT (Second Chamber) of 26 April 2017 - European Commission v Federal Republic of Germany - ACTION under Article 258 TFEU for failure to fulfil obligations - Failure of a Member State to fulfil obligations — Environment — Directive 92/43/EEC — Article 6(3) — Conservation of natural habitats — Construction of a coal-fired power plant in Moorburg (Germany) — Natura 2000 areas situated upstream of that coal-fired power plant on the corridor of the Elbe river — Assessment of the implications of a plan or project for a protected site

CURIA – Judgment of the Court of Justice in Case C-142/16 of 26 April 2017

Case C-488/15: JUDGMENT OF THE COURT (Third Chamber) of 5 April 2017 - European Commission v Republic of Bulgaria and Republic of Poland - ACTION for failure to fulfil obligations under Article 258 TFEU - Failure of a Member State to fulfil obligations — Environment — Directive 2008/50/EC — Ambient air quality — Article 13(1) — Annex XI — Daily and annual limit values for PM10 concentrations — Systematic and continuous exceedance of the limit values — Article 22 — Postponement of the deadlines set to attain certain limit values — Conditions under which applicable — Article 23(1) — Air quality plans — 'Shortest possible' exceedance period — Appropriate measures — Information needed for an assessment CURIA — Judgment of the Court of Justice in Case C-488/15 of 5 April 2017

Case C-335/16: JUDGMENT OF THE COURT (Sixth Chamber) of 30 March 2017 - VG Čistoća d.o.o. v Đuro Vladika and Ljubica Vladika - REQUEST for a preliminary ruling under Article 267 TFEU from the Općinski sud u Velikoj Gorici (Velika Gorica Municipal Court, Croatia) - Reference for a preliminary ruling — Environment — Waste — Directive 2008/98/EC — Recovery of waste management costs — Polluter-pays principle — Concept of 'waste holders' — Price charged for waste management — Special levy intended to finance capital investments CURIA — Judgment of the Court of Justice in Case C-335/16 of 30 March 2017

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CURIA – Opinion of Advocate General in Case C-196/16 of 30 March 2017

Case C-320/15: OPINION OF ADVOCATE GENERAL BOBEK of 30 March 2017 - European Commission v Hellenic Republic - Failure of a Member State to fulfil obligations — Environment — Urban waste water treatment — Article 4(1) and (3) and Annex I.B and I.D to Directive 91/271/EEC — Representative samples CURIA — Opinion of Advocate General in Case C-320/15 of 30 March 2017

11. Food Safety, Public Health and Consumers

Community Legislation

REGULATION (EU) 2017/625 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of 15 March 2017 on official controls and other official activities performed to ensure the application of food and feed law, rules on animal health and welfare, plant health and plant protection products, amending Regulations (EC) No 999/2001, (EC) No 396/2005, (EC) No 1069/2009, (EC) No 1107/2009, (EU) No 1151/2012, (EU) No 652/2014, (EU) 2016/429 and (EU) 2016/2031 of the European Parliament and of the Council, Council Regulations (EC) No 1/2005 and (EC) No 1099/2009 and Council Directives 98/58/EC, 1999/74/EC, 2007/43/EC, 2008/119/EC and 2008/120/EC, and repealing Regulations (EC) No 854/2004 and (EC) No 882/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council, Council Directives 89/608/EEC, 89/662/EEC, 90/425/EEC, 91/496/EEC, 96/23/EC, 96/93/EC and 97/78/EC and Council Decision 92/438/EEC (Official Controls Regulation) (Text with EEA relevance) OJ of the EU, L 95/1 of 7 April 2017

COMMISSION REGULATION (EU) 2017/644 of 5 April 2017 laying down methods of sampling and analysis for the control of levels of dioxins, dioxin-like PCBs and non-dioxin-like PCBs in certain foodstuffs and repealing Regulation (EU) No 589/2014 (Text with EEA relevance)

OJ of the EU, L 92/9 of 6 April 2017

Case Law

Case C-186/16: OPINION OF ADVOCATE GENERAL WAHL of 27 April 2017 - Ruxandra Paula Andriciuc and Others v Banca Românească SA - Request for a preliminary ruling from the Curtea de Apel Oradea (Romania) - Reference for a preliminary ruling — Unfair terms in consumer contracts — Directive 93/13/EEC — Articles 3(1) and 4(2) — Credit agreements denominated in a foreign currency — Terms exempt from assessment of their unfairness — Contractual terms relating to the definition of the main subject matter of the contract or the adequacy of the price which are drafted in plain intelligible language — Time for the assessment of whether there is a significant imbalance between the rights and obligations of the parties arising under the contract — Scope and level of detail of the information required to be provided by the bank

Case C-535/15: JUDGMENT OF THE COURT (Third Chamber) of 27 April 2017 - Freie und Hansestadt Hamburg v Jost Pinckernelle and Vertreter des Bundesinteresses beim Bundesverwaltungsgericht - REQUEST for a preliminary ruling under Article 267 TFEU from the Bundesverwaltungsgericht (Federal Administrative Court, Germany) - Reference for a preliminary ruling — Registration, evaluation, authorisation and restriction of chemicals — Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 (REACH Regulation) — General obligation to register and information requirements — Unregistered chemicals — Export of unregistered chemicals outside the territory of the European Union

CURIA – Judgment of the Court of Justice in Case C-535/15 of 27 April 2017

CURIA – Opinion of Advocate General in Case C-186/16 of 27 April 2017

Case C-672/15: JUDGMENT OF THE COURT (First Chamber) of 27 April 2017 - Noria Distribution SARL v Procureur de la République and Union fédérale des consommateurs des P.O (Que choisir) - REQUEST for a preliminary ruling under Article 267 TFEU from the tribunal de grande instance de Perpignan (France) - Reference for a preliminary ruling — Directive 2002/46/EC — Approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to food supplements — Vitamins and minerals which may be used in the manufacture of food supplements — Maximum amounts — Competence of the Member States — National legislation setting those amounts — Mutual recognition — Absence — Conditions to be respected and factors to be taken into consideration when setting those amounts

CURIA – Judgment of the Court of Justice in Case C-672/15 of 27 April 2017

Joined Cases C-596/15 P and C-597/15 P: OPINION OF ADVOCATE GENERAL BOBEK of 25 April 2017 - Bionorica SE (C-596/15 P) and Diapharm GmbH & Co. KG (C-597/15 P) v European Commission- Appeal — Public health — Health claims on botanical substances — Failure of Commission to instruct the European Food Safety Authority to conduct evaluations of health claims on botanical substances

CURIA – Opinion of Advocate General in Case C-596/15 of 26 April 2017

Case C-133/16: OPINION OF ADVOCATE GENERAL SZPUNAR of 6 April 2017 - Christian Ferenschild v JPC Motor SA - Request for a preliminary ruling from the Cour d'appel de Mons (Court of Appeal, Mons, Belgium) - Reference for a preliminary ruling — Consumer protection — Directive 1999/44/EC — Second-hand goods — Consumer rights in the event of lack of conformity of the goods with the contract — Period of liability for lack of conformity of the goods with the contract — Limitation periods

CURIA – Opinion of Advocate General in Case C-133/16 of 6 April 2017

Case C–146/16: JUDGMENT OF THE COURT (Tenth Chamber) of 30 March 2017 - Verband Sozialer Wettbewerb eV v DHL Paket GmbH - REQUEST for a preliminary ruling under Article 267 TFEU from the Bundesgerichtshof (Federal Court of Justice, Germany) - Reference for a preliminary ruling — Unfair business practices — Advertisement in a print medium — Omission of material information — Access to that information via the website by means of which the products concerned are distributed — Products sold by the person who published the advertisement or by a third party

CURIA – Judgment of the Court of Justice in Case C-146/16 of 30 March 2017

Case C-111/16: OPINION OF ADVOCATE GENERAL BOBEK of 30 March 2017 - Giorgio Fidenato and others - Request for a preliminary ruling from the Tribunale di Udine (District Court, Udine, Italy) - Request for a preliminary ruling – Agriculture – Genetically modified food and feed — Prohibition of cultivation of genetically modified maize MON 810 – Emergency measures adopted by Member States – Substantive conditions – Precautionary principle

CURIA – Opinion of Advocate General in Case C-111/16 of 30 March 2017

Preparatory Acts, Reports, Calls, Memos, Common Positions

POSITION (EU) No 2/2017 OF THE COUNCIL AT FIRST READING with a view to the adoption of a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on medical devices, amending Directive 2001/83/EC, Regulation (EC) No 178/2002 and Regulation (EC) No 1223/2009 and repealing Council Directives 90/385/EEC and 93/42/EEC Adopted by the Council on 7 March 2017 (Text with EEA relevance) (2017/C 116/01)

OJ of the EU, C 116/1 of 11 April 2017

Statement of the Council's reasons: Position (EU) No 2/2017 of the Council at first reading with a view to the adoption of a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on medical devices, amending Directive 2001/83/EC, Regulation (EC) No 178/2002 and Regulation (EC) No 1223/2009 and repealing Council Directives 90/385/EEC and 93/42/EEC (2017/C 116/02)

OJ of the EU, C 116/197 of 11 April 2017

12. Human Rights

COUNCIL IMPLEMENTING DECISION (EU) 2017/617 of 27 March 2017 on the launch of automated data exchange with regard to DNA data in Greece

OJ of the EU, L 89/4 of 1 April 2017

Case C-668/15: JUDGMENT OF THE COURT (First Chamber) of 6 April 2017 - Jyske Finans A/S v Ligebehandlingsnævnet, acting on behalf of Ismar Huskic - REQUEST for a preliminary ruling under Article 267 TFEU from the Vestre Landsret (High Court of Western Denmark) - Reference for a preliminary ruling — Equal treatment between persons irrespective of racial or ethnic origin — Directive 2000/43/EC — Article 2(2)(a) and (b) — Credit institution requiring persons applying for a loan to purchase a car who have produced a driving licence indicating a country of birth other than a Member State of the European Union or of the European Free Trade Association as a form of identification to provide additional proof of identity in the form of a copy of a passport or residence permit

CURIA – Judgment of the Court of Justice in Case C-668/15 of 6 April 2017

Case C-348/16: OPINION OF ADVOCATE GENERAL CAMPOS SÁNCHEZ-BORDONA of 6 April 2017 - Moussa Sacko v Commissione Territoriale per il riconoscimento della Protezione internazionale di Milano - Request for a preliminary ruling from the Tribunale di Milano (District Court, Milan, Italy) - Reference for a preliminary ruling — Asylum — Interpretation of Articles 12, 14, 31 and 46 of Directive 2013/32/EU — Right to effective judicial protection — Administrative refusal, following a hearing of the person concerned, of an application for refugee status — Possibility of dismissing the legal action without a hearing of the person concerned CURIA — Opinion of Advocate General in Case C-348/16 of 6 April 2017

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Case C-612/15: OPINION OF ADVOCATE GENERAL BOT of 4 April 2017 - Criminal proceedings against Nikolay Kolev and Stefan Kostadinov - Request for a preliminary ruling from the Spetsializiran nakazatelen sad (Specialised Criminal Court, Bulgaria) - Reference for a preliminary ruling — Criminal proceedings — Directive 2012/13/EU — Right to be informed of the accusation — Right of access to the file — Directive 2013/48/EU — Right of access to a lawyer — Fraud affecting the financial interests of the European Union — Criminal offences — Effective and dissuasive penalties — Pre-determined period — Termination of the criminal proceedings without examining the merits of the accusations — Right to a fair trial — Rights of the defence — Reasonable time

CURIA – Opinion of Advocate General in Case C-612/15 of 4 April 2017

Case C-73/16: OPINION OF ADVOCATE GENERAL KOKOTT of 30 March 2017 - Peter Puškár v Finančné riaditeľstvo Slovenskej republikya dn Kriminálny úrad finančnej správy - Reference for a preliminary ruling from the Najvyšší súd Slovenskej republiky (Supreme Court of the Slovak Republic - Reference for a preliminary ruling — Processing of personal data — Protection of fundamental rights — Need for prior proceedings — List of personal data created for the purpose of controlling tax fraud — Admissibility of the list as evidence — Principle of sincere cooperation — Relationship between the case-law of the Court of Justice of the European Union and the case-law of the European Court of Human Rights

CURIA – Opinion of Advocate General in Case C-73/16 of 30 March 2017

13. Internal Market and Single Market

Case Law

Case C-567/15: OPINION OF ADVOCATE GENERAL CAMPOS SÁNCHEZ-BORDONA of 27 April 2017 - LitSpecMet UAB v Vilniaus lokomotyvų remonto depas UAB and Plienmetas UAB - Request for a preliminary ruling from the Vilniaus apygardos teismas (Regional Court, Vilnius, Lithuania) - Preliminary ruling — Public works contracts, public supply contracts and public service contracts — Directive 2004/18/EC — Public contracts in the water, energy, transport and telecommunications sectors — Directive 2004/17/EC — Concept of contracting authority — Company wholly owned by the State through another State-owned company — 'in-house' exemption CURIA — Opinion of Advocate General in Case C-567/15 of 27 April 2017

Affaire C-658/15: CONCLUSIONS DE L'AVOCAT GÉNÉRAL M. CAMPOS SÁNCHEZ-BORDONA du 26 avril 2017 - Robeco Hollands Bezit N.V., Robeco Duurzaam Aandelen N.V., Robeco Safe Mix N.V., Robeco Solid Mix N.V., Robeco Balanced Mix N.V., Robeco Growth Mix N.V., Robeco Life Cycle Funds N.V., Robeco Afrika Fonds N.V., Robeco Global Stars Equities, Robeco All Strategy Euro Bonds, Robeco High Yield Bonds and Robeco Property Equities contre Stichting Autoriteit Financiële Markten (AFM) - demande de décision préjudicielle formée par le College van beroep voor het bedrijfsleven (Cour d'appel en matière économique, Pays-Bas) - Marchés des instruments financiers — Systèmes multilatéraux de négociation — Notion de marché réglementé — Gestionnaire de fonds d'investissement — Fonds d'investissement ouverts — Abus de marché et délit d'initié CURIA — Conclusions de l'Avocat Général dans l'affaire C-658/15 du 26 avril 2017

Case C-177/16: OPINION OF ADVOCATE GENERAL WAHL of 6 April 2017 - Biedrība 'Autortiesību un komunicēšanās konsultāciju aģentūra - Latvijas Autoru apvienība' v Konkurences padome - Request for a preliminary ruling from the Augstākā tiesa (Supreme Court, Latvia) - Article 102 TFEU — Abuse of dominant position — Effect on trade between Member States — Collecting society — Unfair prices — Relevant turnover for the imposition of a fine

CURIA – Opinion of Advocate General in Case C-177/16 of 6 April 2017

Case C-298/15: JUDGMENT OF THE COURT (Fifth Chamber) of 5 April 2017 - 'Borta' UAB v Klaipėdos valstybinio jūrų uosto direkcijaVĮ - REQUEST for a preliminary ruling under Article 267 TFEU from the Lietuvos Aukščiausiasis Teismas (Supreme Court, Lithuania) - Reference for a preliminary ruling — Public procurement — Directive 2004/17/EC — Contract not reaching the threshold laid down by that directive — Articles 49 and 56 TFEU — Limit on reliance on subcontracting — Submission of a common tender — Professional capacities of the tenderers — Changes to the tender specifications

CURIA – Judgment of the Court of Justice in Case C-298/15 of 5 April 2017

Case C-245/16: OPINION OF ADVOCATE GENERAL CAMPOS SÁNCHEZ-BORDONA of 5 April 2017 - Nerea S.p.A. v Regione Marche - Request for a preliminary ruling from the Tribunale Amministrativo Regionale per le Marche (Regional Administrative Court, Le Marche, Italy) - Preliminary ruling — State aid — Regulation (EC) No 800/2008 — Application for an arrangement with creditors by a company in receipt of European Union funds — Definition of undertaking in difficulty — Definition of procedure for an arrangement with creditors — Conditions for refusal or withdrawal of aid from European Union funds — Obligation to refund aid CURIA — Opinion of Advocate General in Case C-245/16 of 5 April 2017

Case C-391/15: JUDGMENT OF THE COURT (Fourth Chamber) of 5 April 2017 - Marina del Mediterráneo SL and Others v Agencia Pública de Puertos de Andalucía, Consejería de Obras Públicas y Vivienda de la Junta de Andalucía, Nassir Bin Abdullah and Sons SL, Puerto Deportivo de Marbella SA and Ayuntamiento de Marbella - REQUEST for a preliminary ruling under Article 267 TFEU from the Tribunal Superior de Justicia de Andalucía (High Court of Justice of Andalusia, Spain) - Reference for a preliminary ruling — Public procurement — Review procedures — Directive 89/665/EEC — Article 1(1) — Article 2(1) — Decision of a contracting authority allowing an economic operator to participate in a procurement procedure — Decision not amenable to review under the applicable national legislation

CURIA – Judgment of the Court of Justice in Case C-391/15 of 5 April 2017

Case C-49/16: OPINION OF ADVOCATE GENERAL SZPUNAR of 5 April 2017 - Unibet International Limited v Nemzeti Adó- és Vámhivatal Központi Hivatal - Request for a preliminary ruling from the Fővárosi Közigazgatási és Munkaügyi Bíróság (Budapest Administrative and Labour Court, Hungary) - Freedom to provide services — Article 56 TFEU — Online games of chance — Restriction — Compatibility of license requirement with principles of equal treatment and transparency — Administrative penalties

CURIA – Opinion of Advocate General in Case C-49/16 of 5 April 2017

Case C-112/16: OPINION OF ADVOCATE GENERAL KOKOTT of 30 March 2017 - Persidera SpA v Autorità per le Garanzie nelle Comunicazioni and Ministero dello Sviluppo Economico delle Infrastrutture e dei Trasporti - Request for a preliminary ruling from the Consiglio di Stato (Council of State, Italy) - Reference for a preliminary ruling — Electronic communications networks and services — Directives 2002/20/EC, 2002/21/EC and 2002/77/EC — Transition from analogue television to digital television — Determination of the number of digital frequencies to be assigned to each owner of analogue frequencies — Taking into account of previously unlawfully used analogue frequencies — Conversion ratio — Conversion factor — Equal treatment, non-discrimination and proportionality

CURIA – Opinion of Advocate General in Case C-112/16 of 30 March 2017

Affaire C-591/14: CONCLUSIONS DE L'AVOCAT GÉNÉRAL M. PAOLO MENGOZZI du 30 mars 2017 - Commission européenne contre Royaume de Belgique - Manquement d'État - Non-respect d'une décision de la Commission relative à une aide d'État - Décision 2011/678/UE - Aide d'État en faveur du financement du dépistage des encéphalopathies spongiformes transmissibles (EST) chez les bovins - Absence de récupération des aides accordées - Moyens de défense - Difficultés dans l'identification des bénéficiaires des aides

CURIA – Conclusions de l'Avocat Général dans l'affaire C-591/14 du 30 mars 2017

14. Intellectual Property

Case Law

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15. Justice, Freedom and Security (incl. Judicial Cooperation)

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16. Transport

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