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1. EU-Swiss Relations

Community Legislation

Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the False and Authentic Documents Online (FADO) system and repealing Council Joint Action 98/700/JHA - notification from Switzerland EUR-Lex - ST 7561 2020 ADD 1

2. External Relations / Foreign Policy

Community Legislation

Council Decision (CFSP) 2022/636 of 13 April 2022 amending Decision (CFSP) 2022/338 on an assistance measure under the European Peace Facility for the supply to the Ukrainian Armed Forces of military equipment, and platforms, designed to deliver lethal force

EUR-Lex - 32022D0636

Council Decision (CFSP) 2022/578 of 8 April 2022 amending Decision 2014/512/CFSP concerning restrictive measures in view of Russia's actions destabilising the situation in Ukraine

EUR-Lex - 32022D0578

Decision (EU) 2022/563 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 6 April 2022 providing macrofinancial assistance to the Republic of Moldova

EUR-Lex - 32022D0563

3. Agriculture and Fisheries / Maritime Affairs

Case Law

Case C-176/20. Judgment of the Court (Second Chamber) of 7 April 2022. SC Avio Lucos SRL v Agenţia de Plăţi şi Intervenţie pentru Agricultură – Centrul judeţean Dolj and Agenţia de Plăţi şi Intervenţie pentru Agricultură (APIA) – Aparat Central. Request for a preliminary ruling from the Curtea de Apel Alba Iulia. Reference for a preliminary ruling – Agriculture – Common agricultural policy – Direct support schemes – Common rules – Single area payment scheme – Regulation (EU) No 1307/2013 – Article 4(1)(a) and (c) and Article 4(2)(b) – National legislation making direct support conditional on the farmer keeping his own animals – Article 9(1) – Concept of 'active farmer' – Regulation (EU) No 1306/2013 – Article 60 – Circumvention clause – Concept of 'artificially created conditions'.

EUR-Lex - 62020CJ0176

Case C-116/20. Judgment of the Court (Second Chamber) of 7 April 2022. SC Avio Lucos SRL v Agenția de Plăți și Intervenție pentru Agricultură – Centrul județean Dolj and Agenția de Plăți și Intervenție pentru Agricultură (APIA) – Aparat Central. Request for a preliminary ruling from the Curtea de Apel Timișoara.

Reference for a preliminary ruling – Agriculture – Common agricultural policy – Direct support schemes – Common rules – Single area payment scheme – Regulation (EC) No 73/2009 – Article 2(c) – Concept of 'agricultural activity' – Article 35 – Regulation (EC) No 1122/2009 – National legislation requiring the production of a legal document establishing the right to use the agricultural parcel made available to the farmer under a concession contract and making the validity of such a contract conditional on the future concessionaire having the status of breeder or owner of animals – Concessionaire of an area of pastureland who has concluded a cooperation contract with animal breeders – Res judicata.

4. Audiovisual and Media and Information Society

Community Legislation

Regulation (EU) 2022/612 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 6 April 2022 on roaming on public mobile communications networks within the Union

EUR-Lex - 32022R0612

Case Law

Case C-401/19. Judgment of the Court (Grand Chamber) of 26 April 2022. Republic of Poland v European Parliament and Council of the European Union.

Action for annulment – Directive (EU) 2019/790 – Article 17(4), point (b), and point (c), in fine – Article 11 and Article 17(2) of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union – Freedom of expression and information – Protection of intellectual property – Obligations imposed on online content-sharing service providers – Prior automatic review (filtering) of content uploaded by users.

EUR-Lex - 62019CJ0401

Case C-140/20. Judgment of the Court (Grand Chamber) of 5 April 2022. G.D. v The Commissioner of the Garda Síochána and Others. Request for a preliminary ruling from the Supreme Court.

Reference for a preliminary ruling — Processing of personal data in the electronic communications sector — Confidentiality of the communications — Providers of electronic communications services — General and indiscriminate retention of traffic and location data — Access to retained data — Subsequent court supervision — Directive 2002/58/EC — Article 15(1) — Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union — Articles 7, 8 and 11 and Article 52(1) — Possibility for a national court to restrict the temporal effect of a declaration of the invalidity of national legislation that is incompatible with EU law — Excluded.

EUR-Lex - 62020CJ0140

Case C-460/20 TU, RE v Google LLC. Opinion of Advocate General Pitruzzella delivered on 7 april 2022. Request for a preliminary ruling from the Bundesgerichtshof (Federal Court of Justice, Germany)

Reference for a preliminary ruling – Protection of personal data – Request for de-referencing of allegedly false information and removal of preview images (thumbnails).

EUR-Lex - 62020CC0460

5. Competition and State Aid

Case Law

Joined Cases C-102/21 and C-103/21. Judgment of the Court (Ninth Chamber) of 7 April 2022. KW and SG v Autonome Provinz Bozen. Requests for a preliminary ruling from the Verwaltungsgericht, Autonome Sektion für die Provinz Bozen.

Reference for a preliminary ruling – Aid granted by Member States – Aid scheme for the construction of minihydroelectric power plants – Alpine and mountain huts without connection to an electricity grid – Authorisation by the European Commission – Expiry.

6. Customs

Case Law

Joined Cases C-415/20 and C-419/20. Judgment of the Court (Second Chamber) of 28 April 2022. Gräfendorfer Geflügel- und Tiefkühlfeinkost Produktions GmbH and F. Reyher Nchfg. GmbH & Co. KG vertr. d. d. Komplementärin Verwaltungsgesellschaft F. Reyher Nchfg. mbH v Hauptzollamt Hamburg.

Reference for a preliminary ruling – Customs union – Rights to the repayment or to the payment of sums of money levied or refused by a Member State in breach of EU law – Anti-dumping duties, import duties, export refunds and financial penalties – Concept of 'breach of EU law' – Misinterpretation or misapplication of EU law – Finding of a breach of EU law by a Court of the European Union or by a national court – Right to the payment of interest – Period covered by that payment of interest.

EUR-Lex - 62020CJ0415

Case C-489/20. Judgment of the Court (Second Chamber) of 7 April 2022. UB v Kauno teritorinė muitinė. Request for a preliminary ruling from the Lietuvos vyriausiasis administracinis teismas.

Reference for a preliminary ruling — Union Customs Code — Extinguishment of the customs debt — Goods unlawfully introduced into the customs territory of the European Union — Seizure and confiscation — Directive 2008/118/EC — Excise duties — Directive 2006/112/EC — Value added tax — Chargeable event — Chargeability. EUR-Lex - 62020CJ0489

7. Economic and Monetary Affairs, Taxation, Enterprise

Community Legislation

Council Directive (EU) 2022/542 of 5 April 2022 amending Directives 2006/112/EC and (EU) 2020/285 as regards rates of value added tax

EUR-Lex - 32022L0542

Case Law

Case C-637/20. Judgment of the Court (First Chamber) of 28 April 2022. Skatteverket v DSAB Destination Stockholm AB.

Reference for a preliminary ruling – Directive 2006/112/EC – Common system of value added tax – Article 30a(1) – Concept of 'voucher' – Article 30a(3) – Concept of '"multi-purpose" voucher' – Sale of a card entitling the cardholder to a number of tourist services for a limited period.

EUR-Lex - 62020CJ0637

Case C-674/20. Judgment of the Court (Second Chamber) of 27 April 2022. Airbnb Ireland UC v Région de Bruxelles-Capitale.

Reference for a preliminary ruling – Internal market – Article 114(2) TFEU – Exclusion of fiscal provisions – Directive 2000/31/EC – Information society services – Electronic commerce – Online property rental platform – Article 1(5)(a) – Exclusion of the field of taxation – Definition – Regional legislation concerning a tax on tourist accommodation establishments – Provision requiring intermediaries to provide, on a written request, certain particulars concerning the operation of those establishments to the tax authority with the aim of identifying persons liable for that tax – Article 56 TFEU – No discrimination – No restriction.

EUR-Lex - 62020CJ0674

Case C-342/20. Judgment of the Court (Second Chamber) of 7 April 2022. A SCPI v Veronsaajien oikeudenvalvontayksikkö. Request for a preliminary ruling from the Helsingin hallintooikeus.

Reference for a preliminary ruling – Taxation – Articles 63 and 65 TFEU – Free movement of capital – Restrictions – Tax on the income of legal persons – Exemption for investment funds – Conditions for exemption – Condition related to the fund being in contractual form.

EUR-Lex - 62020CJ0342

Case C-228/20. Judgment of the Court (Second Chamber) of 7 April 2022. I GmbH v Finanzamt H. Request for a preliminary ruling from the Niedersächsisches Finanzgericht.

Reference for a preliminary ruling – Common system of value added tax (VAT) – Directive 2006/112/EC – Article 132(1)(b) – Exemptions for certain activities in the public interest – Exemption for hospital and medical care – Private hospital – Duly recognised establishment – Comparable social conditions.

EUR-Lex - 62020CJ0228

Case C-333/20. Judgment of the Court (Fifth Chamber) of 7 April 2022. Berlin Chemie A. Menarini SRL v Administrația Fiscală pentru Contribuabili Mijlocii București - Direcția Generală Regională a Finanțelor Publice București. Request for a preliminary ruling from the Curtea de Apel București.

Reference for a preliminary ruling – Value added tax (VAT) – Directive 2006/112/EC – Article 44 – Place of supply of services – Implementing Regulation (EU) No 282/2011 – Article 11(1) – Provision of services – Point of reference for tax purposes – Concept of a 'fixed establishment' – Company from one Member State affiliated to a company located in another Member State – Suitable structure in terms of human and technical resources – Ability to receive and use the services for the fixed establishment's own needs – Marketing, regulatory, advertising and representation services provided by a related company to the recipient company. EUR-Lex - 62020CJ0333

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

Case Law

Case C-638/20. Opinion of Advocate General Medina delivered on 7 April 2022. MCM v Centrala studiestödsnämnden. Request for a preliminary ruling from the Överklagandenämnden för studiestöd (National Board of Appeal for Student Aid, Sweden).

Reference for a preliminary ruling – Free movement of workers – Equal treatment – Social advantages – Article 45 TFEU – Regulation (EU) No 492/2011 – Article 7(2) – **Financial aid for higher education studies abroad** – Condition of residence – Condition of social integration for non-resident students – **Student who is a national of the State granting the aid, always residing in the State where they are studying** – Parent previously a migrant worker in the State of studies.

EUR-Lex - 62020CC0638

9. Employment and Social Affairs

Case Law

Case C-344/20. Opinion of Advocate General Medina delivered on 28 April 2022. LF v SCRL. Request for a preliminary ruling from the Tribunal du travail francophone de Bruxelles (Brussels Labour Court (Frenchspeaking), Belgium).

Reference for a preliminary ruling – Social policy – Directive 2000/78/EC – Equal treatment in employment and occupation – Discrimination on the grounds of religion or belief – Internal neutrality rule of a private undertaking – Prohibition on the wearing of any visible political, philosophical or religious signs in the workplace – Religious clothing obligations – Article 8 – More favourable provisions in national law to the protection of the principle of equal treatment – Margin of discretion of the Member States – Religion and religious beliefs as an autonomous ground of discrimination.

Case C-236/20. Judgment of the Court (First Chamber) of 7 April 2022. PG v Ministero della Giustizia and Others. Request for a preliminary ruling from the Tribunale Amministrativo Regionale per la Emilia Romagna.

Reference for a preliminary ruling – Social policy – Framework agreement on fixed-term work concluded by ETUC, UNICE and CEEP – Clauses 2 and 4 – **Framework Agreement on part-time work concluded by UNICE, CEEP and the ETUC** – Clause 4 – Principle of non-discrimination – Equal treatment in employment and occupation – Magistrates and ordinary judges – Clause 5 – Measures intended to penalise improper use of fixed-term contracts – Directive 2003/88/EC – Article 7 – Paid annual leave.

EUR-Lex - 62020CJ0236

Case C-638/20. Opinion of Advocate General Medina delivered on 7 April 2022. MCM v Centrala studiestödsnämnden. Request for a preliminary ruling from the Överklagandenämnden för studiestöd (National Board of Appeal for Student Aid, Sweden).

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EUR-Lex - 62020CC0638

10. Energy and Environment

Case Law

Affaire C-286/21. Arrêt de la Cour (dixième chambre) du 28 avril 2022. Commission européenne contre République française.

Manquement d'État – Environnement – Directive 2008/50/CE – Qualité de l'air ambiant – Article 13, paragraphe 1, et annexe XI – Dépassement systématique et persistant des valeurs limites fixées pour les microparticules (PM10) dans certaines zones de France – Article 23, paragraphe 1 – Annexe XV – Période de dépassement "la plus courte possible" – Mesures appropriées.

EUR-Lex - 62021CJ0286

Joined Cases C-102/21 and C-103/21. Judgment of the Court (Ninth Chamber) of 7 April 2022. KW and SG v Autonome Provinz Bozen. Requests for a preliminary ruling from the Verwaltungsgericht, Autonome Sektion für die Provinz Bozen.

Reference for a preliminary ruling – Aid granted by Member States – Aid scheme for the construction of minihydroelectric power plants – Alpine and mountain huts without connection to an electricity grid – Authorisation by the European Commission – Expiry.

EUR-Lex - 62021CJ0102

11. Food Safety, Public Health and Consumers

Community Legislation

Directive (EU) 2022/642 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12 April 2022 amending Directives 2001/20/EC and 2001/83/EC as regards derogations from certain obligations concerning certain medicinal products for human use made available in the United Kingdom in respect of Northern Ireland and in Cyprus, Ireland and Malta

EUR-Lex - 32022L0642

Case Law

Case C-319/20. Judgment of the Court (Third Chamber) of 28 April 2022. Meta Platforms Ireland Limited, anciennement Facebook Ireland Limited v Bundesverband der Verbraucherzentralen und Verbraucherverbände - Verbraucherzentrale Bundesverband e.V.

Reference for a preliminary ruling – Protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data – Regulation (EU) 2016/679 – Article 80 – Representation of the data subjects by a not-for-profit association – Representative action brought by a consumer protection association in the absence of a mandate and independently of the infringement of specific rights of a data subject – Action based on the prohibition of unfair commercial practices, the infringement of a consumer protection law or the prohibition of the use of invalid general terms and conditions.

EUR-Lex - 62020CJ0319

Case C-561/20. Judgment of the Court (Fourth Chamber) of 7 April 2022. Q and Others v United Airlines, Inc. Request for a preliminary ruling from the Nederlandstalige Ondernemingsrechtbank Brussel.

Reference for a preliminary ruling – Air transport – Regulation (EC) No 261/2004 – Common rules on compensation and assistance to passengers in the event of denied boarding and of cancellation or long delay of flights – Connecting flight consisting of two legs – Significant delay to final destination caused in the second leg of that flight linking two airports in a third country – Validity of that regulation under international law. EUR-Lex - 62020CJ0561

Case C-385/20. Judgment of the Court (Fourth Chamber) of 7 April 2022. EL and TP v Caixabank SA.Request for a preliminary ruling from the Juzgado de Primera Instancia n° 49 de Barcelona.

Reference for a preliminary ruling — Unfair terms in consumer contracts — Directive 93/13/EEC — Principle of effectiveness — Principle of equivalence — Judicial proceedings seeking a declaration that a contractual term is unfair — National court's power of review of its own motion — National proceedings for taxation of costs — Costs recoverable in respect of lawyers' fees.

EUR-Lex - 62020CJ0385

Case C-249/21. Judgment of the Court (Eighth Chamber) of 7 April 2022. Fuhrmann-2-GmbH v B. Request for a preliminary ruling from the Amtsgericht Bottrop.

Reference for a preliminary ruling – Consumer protection – Directive 2011/83/EU – Article 8(2) – **Distance contracts concluded by electronic means – Information requirements for the trader** – Activation of a button or a similar function in order to place the order with an obligation to pay – Unambiguous formulation corresponding to the words 'order with obligation to pay' – Taking account only of the words on the button or similar function for the purposes of assessing the 'corresponding' nature of such a formulation.

EUR-Lex - 62021CJ0249

12. Human Rights

Case Law

Case C-344/20. Opinion of Advocate General Medina delivered on 28 April 2022. LF v SCRL. Request for a preliminary ruling from the Tribunal du travail francophone de Bruxelles (Brussels Labour Court (Frenchspeaking), Belgium).

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EUR-Lex - 62020CJ0140

13. Internal Market and Free Movement

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Case C-674/20. Judgment of the Court (Second Chamber) of 27 April 2022. Airbnb Ireland UC v Région de Bruxelles-Capitale.

Reference for a preliminary ruling – Internal market – Article 114(2) TFEU – Exclusion of fiscal provisions – Directive 2000/31/EC – Information society services – Electronic commerce – Online property rental platform – Article 1(5)(a) – Exclusion of the field of taxation – Definition – Regional legislation concerning a tax on tourist accommodation establishments – Provision requiring intermediaries to provide, on a written request, certain particulars concerning the operation of those establishments to the tax authority with the aim of identifying persons liable for that tax – Article 56 TFEU – No discrimination – No restriction.

EUR-Lex - 62020CJ0674

Case C-368/20. Judgment of the Court (Grand Chamber) of 26 April 2022. NW v Landespolizeidirektion Steiermark. Request for a preliminary ruling from the Landesverwaltungsgericht Steiermark.

Reference for a preliminary ruling – Area of freedom, security and justice – Free movement of persons – Regulation (EU) 2016/399 – Schengen Borders Code – Article 25(4) – Temporary reintroduction of border control at internal borders for a maximum total duration of six months – National legislation providing for a number of successive periods of border control resulting in that duration being exceeded – Non-compliance of such legislation with Article 25(4) of the Schengen Borders Code where the successive periods are based on the same threat or threats – National legislation requiring, on pain of a penalty, a passport or identity card to be presented when the internal border control is carried out – Non-compliance of such an obligation with Article 25(4) of the Schengen Borders Code when the border control itself is contrary to that provision.

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EUR-Lex - 62020CJ0342

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EUR-Lex - 62020CC0638

14. Intellectual Property

Case Law

Case C-531/20. Judgment of the Court (Tenth Chamber) of 28 April 2022. NovaText GmbH v Ruprecht-Karls-Universität Heidelberg.

Reference for a preliminary ruling – Intellectual property rights – Directive 2004/48/EC – Article 3 – General obligation concerning the measures, procedures and remedies necessary to ensure the enforcement of intellectual property rights – Article 14 – Concept of 'reasonable and proportionate legal costs' – Consultation of a patent lawyer – Absence of opportunity for the national court to assess the reasonableness and proportionality of the costs to be borne by the unsuccessful party.

EUR-Lex - 62020CJ0531

Case C-401/19. Judgment of the Court (Grand Chamber) of 26 April 2022. Republic of Poland v European Parliament and Council of the European Union.

Action for annulment – Directive (EU) 2019/790 – Article 17(4), point (b), and point (c), in fine – Article 11 and Article 17(2) of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union – Freedom of expression and information – Protection of intellectual property – Obligations imposed on online content-sharing service providers – Prior automatic review (filtering) of content uploaded by users.

EUR-Lex - 62019CJ0401

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

Case Law

Case C-368/20. Judgment of the Court (Grand Chamber) of 26 April 2022. NW v Landespolizeidirektion Steiermark. Request for a preliminary ruling from the Landesverwaltungsgericht Steiermark.

Reference for a preliminary ruling – Area of freedom, security and justice – Free movement of persons – Regulation (EU) 2016/399 – Schengen Borders Code – Article 25(4) – Temporary reintroduction of border control at internal borders for a maximum total duration of six months – National legislation providing for a number of successive periods of border control resulting in that duration being exceeded – Non-compliance of such legislation with Article 25(4) of the Schengen Borders Code where the successive periods are based on the same threat or threats – National legislation requiring, on pain of a penalty, a passport or identity card to be presented when the internal border control is carried out – Non-compliance of such an obligation with Article 25(4) of the Schengen Borders Code when the border control itself is contrary to that provision.

Case C-645/20. Judgment of the Court (Fifth Chamber) of 7 April 2022. V A and Z A v TP. Request for a preliminary ruling from the Cour de cassation.

Reference for a preliminary ruling – Judicial cooperation in civil matters – Regulation (EU) No 650/2012 – Article 10 – Subsidiary jurisdiction in matters of succession – Deceased person habitually resident at the time of his or her death in a State that is not bound by Regulation (EU) No 650/2012 – Deceased person who is a national of a Member State and has assets in that Member State – Obligation for the court of that Member State seised to examine of its own motion the criteria as regards its subsidiary jurisdiction – Appointment of an administrator of the estate.

EUR-Lex - 62020CJ0645

Case C-150/21. Judgment of the Court (Seventh Chamber) of 7 April 2022. D. B. Request for a preliminary ruling from the Sąd Rejonowy dla Łodzi-Śródmieścia w Łodzi.

Reference for a preliminary ruling – Judicial cooperation in criminal matters – Mutual recognition – Framework Decision 2005/214/JHA – Enforcement of financial penalties – Article 1(a)(ii) – Decision imposing a financial penalty issued by an administrative authority – Decision open to appeal to a public prosecutor, subject to instructions from the Minister for Justice – Subsequent appeal before a court having jurisdiction in particular in criminal matters.

EUR-Lex - 62021CJ0150

Case C-568/20. Judgment of the Court (Third Chamber) of 7 April 2022. J v H Limited. Request for a preliminary ruling from the Oberster Gerichtshof.

Reference for a preliminary ruling – Judicial cooperation in civil matters – Jurisdiction and the recognition and enforcement of judgments in civil and commercial matters – Regulation (EU) No 1215/2012 – Scope – Article 2(a) – Concept of 'judgment' – Order for payment made in another Member State after a summary contested examination of a judgment given in a third State – Article 39 – Enforceability in Member States.

EUR-Lex - 62020CJ0568

16. Transport

Case Law

Case C-561/20. Judgment of the Court (Fourth Chamber) of 7 April 2022. Q and Others v United Airlines, Inc. Request for a preliminary ruling from the Nederlandstalige Ondernemingsrechtbank Brussel.

Reference for a preliminary ruling – Air transport – Regulation (EC) No 261/2004 – Common rules on compensation and assistance to passengers in the event of denied boarding and of cancellation or long delay of flights – Connecting flight consisting of two legs – Significant delay to final destination caused in the second leg of that flight linking two airports in a third country – Validity of that regulation under international law.

EUR-Lex - 62020CJ0561

17. Community Institutions, Principles and the Communities' own Resources

Case Law

Joined Cases C-415/20 and C-419/20. Judgment of the Court (Second Chamber) of 28 April 2022. Gräfendorfer Geflügel- und Tiefkühlfeinkost Produktions GmbH and F. Reyher Nchfg. GmbH & Co. KG vertr. d. d. Komplementärin Verwaltungsgesellschaft F. Reyher Nchfg. mbH v Hauptzollamt Hamburg.

Reference for a preliminary ruling – Customs union – Rights to the repayment or to the payment of sums of money levied or refused by a Member State in breach of EU law – Anti-dumping duties, import duties, export refunds and financial penalties – Concept of 'breach of EU law' – Misinterpretation or misapplication of EU law – Finding of a breach of EU law by a Court of the European Union or by a national court – Right to the payment of interest – Period covered by that payment of interest.

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