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**Judgment of the Court (Fifth Chamber) of 4 July 2024 (request for a preliminary ruling from the
Kúria – Hungary) – MOL Magyar Olaj- és Gázipari Nyrt. v Mercedes-Benz Group AG**

(Case C-425/22, ⁽¹⁾ MOL)

(Reference for a preliminary ruling – Judicial cooperation in civil and commercial matters – Jurisdiction and the recognition and enforcement of judgments in civil and commercial matters – Regulation (EU) No 1215/2012 – Article 7(2) – Jurisdiction in tort, delict or quasi-delict – Place where the damage occurred – Cartel declared contrary to Article 101 TFEU and Article 53 of the Agreement on the European Economic Area – Subsidiaries established in different Member States – Direct damage exclusively suffered by subsidiaries – Action for damages from the parent company – Concept of ‘economic unit’)

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Language of the case: Hungarian

Referring court

Kúria

Parties to the main proceedings

Applicant: MOL Magyar Olaj- és Gázipari Nyrt.

Defendant: Mercedes-Benz Group AG

Operative part of the judgment

Article 7(2) of Regulation (EU) No 1215/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12 December 2012 on jurisdiction and the recognition and enforcement of judgments in civil and commercial matters

must be interpreted as meaning that the concept of the ‘place where the harmful event occurred’ does not cover the registered office of a parent company bringing an action for damages for harm suffered solely by its subsidiaries on account of anticompetitive conduct of a third party, which constitutes a breach of Article 101 TFEU, even if it is claimed that that parent company and those subsidiaries form part of the same economic unit.

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 326, 29.8.2022.