

JUDGMENT OF THE COURT  
OF 7 FEBRUARY 1979 <sup>1</sup>

**Ministère Public  
v Vincent Auer**  
(preliminary ruling requested by the Cour d'Appel, Colmar)

“Veterinary surgeons”

Case 136/78

*Freedom of establishment — Veterinary surgeons — Degrees obtained in a Member State — Practice in another Member State — Conditions — Period prior to the implementation of the directives for the mutual recognition of diplomas and the co-ordination of national provisions*

(EEC Treaty, Arts. 52 and 57; Council Directives Nos 78/1026 and 78/1027)

Article 52 of the Treaty must be interpreted as meaning that for the period prior to the date on which the Member States are required to have taken the measures necessary to comply with Council Directives Nos 78/1026 and 78/1027 of 18 December 1978, the

nationals of a Member State cannot rely on that provision with a view to practising the profession of veterinary surgeon in that Member State on any conditions other than those laid down by national legislation.

In Case 136/78

REFERENCE to the Court under Article 177 of the EEC Treaty by the Cour d'Appel, Colmar, for a preliminary ruling in the proceedings pending before that court between

MINISTÈRE PUBLIC

and

VINCENT AUER, resident in Mulhouse,

<sup>1</sup> — Language of the Case: French.