Case C-39/95

Criminal proceedings against Pierre Goupil

(Reference for a preliminary ruling from the Tribunal de Police, La Rochelle)

(Social legislation relating to road transport — Derogation for refuse vehicles)

Opinion of Advocate General Léger delivered on 25 January 1996	I - 1603
Judgment of the Court (First Chamber), 21 March 1996	I - 1604

Summary of the Judgment

Transport — Road transport — Social legislation — Derogations — Vehicles used in refuse collection and disposal — Definition (Council Regulation No 3820/85, Art. 4(6))

When it refers amongst the categories of transport excluded from the scope of its provisions to transport by 'vehicles used in ... refuse collection and disposal', Article 4(6) of Regulation No 3820/85 on the harmonization of certain social legislation relating to road transport must be interpreted as referring to vehicles used for the collection of waste of all kinds which is not subject to more specific rules and for the transportation of such waste over short distances, within

the context of a general service in the public interest provided directly by the public authorities or by private undertakings under their control.