

Case C-257/06

Roby Profumi Srl

v

Comune di Parma

(Reference for a preliminary ruling from the Corte suprema di cassazione)

(Article 28 EC — Directive 76/768/EEC — Protection of health —
Cosmetic products — Importation — Communication of information
on cosmetic products to the authorities of the State of importation)

Judgment of the Court (Second Chamber), 24 January 2008 I - 191

Summary of the Judgment

*Approximation of laws — Cosmetic products — Packaging and labelling — Directive 76/768
(Art. 30 EC; Council Directive 76/768, Art. 7)*

Article 7 of Council Directive 76/768 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to cosmetic products, as amended by Directive 93/35, does not preclude a national provision which, in the interests of prompt and appropriate medical treatment in the event of difficulties, requires the importer of cosmetic products to communicate to the Ministry of Health and to the Region the name or the corporate name of the business, its registered office and that of the manufacturing plant, and a full and detailed list of the substances used and the substances contained in those products.

Such an obligation to provide information is proportionate to the objective of protecting human health, contained in Article 7(3) of Directive 76/768, since it ensures that the competent national authorities have at their disposal detailed information on the relevant product.

(see paras 24, 25, operative part)