

Operative part of the judgment

1. The definition of bioethanol in Article 2(2)(a) of Directive 2003/30/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 8 May 2003 on the promotion of the use of biofuels or other renewable fuels for transport must be interpreted as meaning that it includes a product such as that at issue in the main proceedings, which is obtained *inter alia* from biomass and which contains more than 98.5 % ethyl alcohol, once it is offered for sale as biofuel for transport.
2. European Union law must be interpreted as meaning that a product such as that at issue in the main proceedings, which contains more than 98.5 % ethyl alcohol and has not been denatured in a special denaturing procedure must be subject to the excise duty provided for in Article 19(1) of Council Directive 92/83/EEC of 19 October 1992 on the harmonisation of the structures of excise duties on alcohol and alcoholic beverages, even where it was obtained from biomass using a technology which differs from the technology for the production of agricultural ethyl alcohol, contains substances making it unsuitable for human consumption, satisfies the requirements laid down in European standard prEN 15376 for bioethanol used as fuel and potentially meets the definition of bioethanol in Article 2(2)(a) of Directive 2003/30.

(¹) OJ C 346, 18.12.2010.

Judgment of the Court (Second Chamber) of 21 December 2011 (reference for a preliminary ruling from the Tribunale di Firenze — Italy) — Criminal proceedings against X

(Case C-507/10) (¹)

(Police and judicial cooperation in criminal matters — Framework Decision 2001/220/JHA — Standing of victims in criminal proceedings — Protection of vulnerable persons — Hearing of minors as witnesses — Special measure for early taking of evidence — Refusal by the Public Prosecutor to request the judge in charge of preliminary investigations to hear a witness)

(2012/C 49/20)

Language of the case: Italian

Referring court

Tribunale di Firenze

Party in the main proceedings

X

Intervener: Y

Re:

Reference for a preliminary ruling — Tribunale di Firenze — Interpretation of Articles 2, 3 and 8 of Council Framework Decision 2001/220/JHA of 15 March 2001 on the standing of victims in criminal proceedings (OJ 2001 L 82, p 1) —

Hearing of minors as witnesses — Hearing of a minor who has been the victim of sexual abuse — Protective measures which are not made mandatory by national legislation

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Articles 2, 3 and 8(4) of Council Framework Decision 2001/220/JHA of 15 March 2001 on the standing of victims in criminal proceedings must be interpreted as not precluding provisions of national law, such as Articles 392(1a), 398(5a) and 394 of the Italian Code of Criminal Procedure, which, first, do not impose on the Public Prosecutor any obligation to apply to the competent court so that a victim who is particularly vulnerable may be heard and give evidence under the arrangements of the *incidente probatorio* during the investigation phase of criminal proceedings and, second, do not give to that victim the right to bring an appeal before a court against that decision of the Public Prosecutor rejecting his or her request to be heard and to give evidence under those arrangements.

(¹) OJ C 13, 15.1.2011.

Judgment of the Court (Third Chamber) of 21 December 2011 (reference for a preliminary ruling from the Oberlandesgericht Düsseldorf — Germany) — Criminal proceedings against Mohsen Afrasiabi, Behzad Sahabi, Heinz Ulrich Kessel

(Case C-72/11) (¹)

(Common foreign and security policy — Restrictive measures against the Islamic Republic of Iran to prevent nuclear proliferation — Regulation (EC) No 423/2007 — Article 7(3) and (4) — Supply and installation of a sintering furnace in Iran — Concept of ‘indirectly making available’ an ‘economic resource’ to persons, entities and bodies listed in Annexes IV and V to that regulation — Concept of ‘circumvention’ of the prohibition on making that resource available)

(2012/C 49/21)

Language of the case: German

Referring court

Oberlandesgericht Düsseldorf

Parties in the main proceedings

Mohsen Afrasiabi, Behzad Sahabi, Heinz Ulrich Kessel

Re:

Reference for a preliminary ruling — Oberlandesgericht Düsseldorf — Interpretation of Article 7(3) and (4) of Council Regulation (EC) No 423/2007 of 19 April 2007 concerning restrictive measures against Iran (OJ 2007 L 103, p. 1) — Delivery of equipment referred to in Annex II of Regulation (EC) No 423/2007 in an unusable condition to an Iranian legal person not referred to in Annexes IV and V of that regulation — Equipment allegedly intended for later production for an entity referred to in those two annexes — Scope of the