

**Judgment of the Court (Third Chamber) of 3 May 2012
(reference for a preliminary ruling from the First-Tier
Tribunal (Tax Chamber) — United Kingdom) — Lebara
Ltd v Commissioners for Her Majesty's Revenue and
Customs**

(Case C-520/10) ⁽¹⁾

*(Taxation — Sixth VAT Directive — Article 2 — Supply of
services for consideration — Telecommunications services —
Prepaid phonecards displaying information for making inter-
national calls — Marketing through a network of
distributors)*

(2012/C 174/11)

Language of the case: English

Referring court

First Tier Tribunal (Tax Chamber)

Parties to the main proceedings

Applicant: Lebara Ltd

Defendant: Commissioners for Her Majesty's Revenue and
Customs

Re:

Reference for a preliminary ruling — First-Tier Tribunal (Tax
Chamber) — Interpretation of Article 2(1) of Sixth Council
Directive 77/388/EEC of 17 May 1977 on the harmonisation
of the laws of the Member States relating to turnover taxes —
Common system of value added tax: uniform basis of
assessment (OJ 1977 L 145, p. 1) — Phonecards sold by a
taxable person residing in a Member State to a distributor
residing in another Member State and sold on by that
distributor to persons who use them to make telephone calls
— Transaction which can be broken down into several parts —
Arrangements for charging value added tax

Operative part of the judgment

Point (1) of Article 2 of Sixth Council Directive 77/388/EEC of 17
May 1977 on the harmonisation of the laws of the Member States
relating to turnover taxes — Common system of value added tax:
uniform basis of assessment, as amended by Council Directive
2003/92/EC of 7 October 2003, must be interpreted as meaning
that a telecommunications services operator which offers telecommuni-
cations services consisting in selling to a distributor phonecards which
display all the information necessary for making international
telephone calls by means of the infrastructure provided by that
operator and which are resold by the distributor, in its name and
on its own behalf, to end users, either directly or through other
taxable persons such as wholesalers or retailers, carries out a supply
of telecommunications services for consideration to the distributor. On
the other hand, that operator does not carry out a second supply of

services for consideration, this time to the end user, where that user,
having purchased the phonecard, exercises the right to make telephone
calls using the information on the card.

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 30, 29.1.2011.

**Judgment of the Court (Grand Chamber) of 24 April 2012
(reference for a preliminary ruling from the Tribunale di
Bolzano — Italy) — Servet Kamberaj v Istituto per
l'Edilizia sociale della Provincia autonoma di Bolzano
(IPES), Giunta della Provincia autonoma di Bolzano,
Provincia autonoma di Bolzano**

(Case C-571/10) ⁽¹⁾

*(Area of Freedom, Justice and Security — Article 34 of the
Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union —
Directive 2003/109/EC — Status of third-country nationals
who are long-term residents — Right to equal treatment with
regard to social security, social assistance and social protection
— Derogation from the principle of equal treatment for social
assistance and social protection measures — Exclusion of
'core benefits' from the scope of that derogation —
National legislation providing for housing benefit for low
income tenants — Amount of funds for third-country
nationals determined on the basis of a different weighted
average — Rejection of an application for housing benefit
owing to the exhaustion of the funds for third-country
nationals)*

(2012/C 174/12)

Language of the case: Italian

Referring court

Tribunale di Bolzano

Parties to the main proceedings

Applicant: Servet Kamberaj

Defendants: Istituto per l'Edilizia sociale della Provincia
autonoma di Bolzano (IPES), Giunta della Provincia autonoma
di Bolzano, Provincia autonoma di Bolzano

Interveners in support of the defendants: Associazione Porte Aperte/
Offene Türen, Human Rights International, Associazione
Volontarius, Fondazione Alexander Langer

Re:

Reference for a preliminary ruling — Tribunale di Bolzano —
Protection of linguistic minorities — Provincial legislation
giving effect to the fundamental principle of the national consti-
tutional system that linguistic minorities are to be protected —
Social policy — Application of different coefficients in order to
determine the amount intended for housing allowances for