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Judgment of the Court (Third Chamber) of 6 October 2015 (request for a preliminary ruling from the Cour d'appel de Mons — Belgium) — Ville de Mons v Base Company SA, formerly KPN Group Belgium SA

(Case C-346/13) ⁽¹⁾

(Reference for a preliminary ruling — Electronic communications networks and services — Directive 2002/20/EC — Article 13 — Fee for rights to install facilities — Scope — Municipal regulations making owners of mobile telephone transmission pylons and masts subject to payment of a tax)

(2015/C 398/02)

Language of the case: French

Referring court

Cour d'appel de Mons

Parties to the main proceedings

Applicant: Ville de Mons

Defendant: Base Company SA, formerly KPN Group Belgium SA

Operative part of the judgment

Article 13 of Directive 2002/20/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 7 March 2002 on the authorisation of electronic communications networks and services (Authorisation Directive) must be interpreted as not precluding a tax, such as that at issue in the main proceedings, being imposed on the owner of free-standing structures, such as transmission pylons or masts intended to support the antennas required for the functioning of the mobile telecommunication network, and which it was not possible to place on an existing site.

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 252, 31.8.2013.