

3. If the answer to Question 1 or Question 2 is in the negative:

Must Article 49(3) of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union be interpreted as precluding a national provision which provides for fines with no upper limit or several years' imprisonment for non-collectible fines for offences committed as a result of negligence?

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ 1997 L 18, p. 1.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ 2014 L 159, p. 11.

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**Request for a preliminary ruling from the Landesverwaltungsgericht Steiermark (Austria) lodged on  
23 February 2018 — Humbert Jörg Köfler**

**(Case C-146/18)**

(2018/C 259/25)

*Language of the case: German*

**Referring court**

Landesverwaltungsgericht Steiermark

**Parties to the main proceedings**

*Appellant:* Humbert Jörg Köfler

*Respondent authority:* Bezirkshauptmannschaft Murtal

*Interested party:* Finanzpolizei

**Question referred**

Must Articles 47 and 49 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights be interpreted as precluding a national provision which provides for a mandatory contribution to the procedural costs of appeal proceedings of 20 % of the fine imposed?

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**Request for a preliminary ruling from the Landesverwaltungsgericht Steiermark (Austria) lodged on  
23 February 2018 — Humbert Jörg Köfler and Others**

**(Case C-148/18)**

(2018/C 259/26)

*Language of the case: German*

**Referring court**

Landesverwaltungsgericht Steiermark

**Parties to the main proceedings**

*Appellants:* Humbert Jörg Köfler, Wolfgang Leitner, Joachim Schönbeck, Wolfgang Semper

*Respondent authority:* Bezirkshauptmannschaft Murtal

*Interested party:* Finanzpolizei

**Question referred**

Must Article 49(3) of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union be interpreted as precluding a national provision which provides for fines with no upper limit, especially high minimum penalties or several years' imprisonment for non-collectible fines for offences committed as a result of negligence?

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