



Reports of Cases

Order of the Court (Sixth Chamber) of 19 November 2019 — INA and Others

(Case C-200/19)¹

(Reference for a preliminary ruling — Article 99 of the Rules of Procedure of the Court — Judicial cooperation in civil matters — Regulation (EU) No 1215/2012 — Jurisdiction and the recognition and enforcement of judgments in civil and commercial matters — Article 7(1)(a) — Special jurisdiction in matters relating to a contract — Concept of ‘matters relating to a contract’ — Financial obligations imposed by national law on the co-owners of a building — Legal action seeking enforcement of those obligations)

1. *Judicial cooperation in civil matters — Jurisdiction and the enforcement of judgments in civil and commercial matters — Regulation No 1215/2012 — Special jurisdiction — Jurisdiction in matters relating to a contract — Meaning — Financial obligations imposed by national law on the co-owners of a building — Included*

(European Parliament and Council Regulation No 1215/2012, Art. 7(1)(a))

(see paras 27-31, operative part 1)

2. *Judicial cooperation in civil matters — Jurisdiction and the enforcement of judgments in civil and commercial matters — Regulation No 1215/2012 — Special jurisdiction — Dispute relating to the operation of a branch, agency or other establishment — Meaning — Action concerning an obligation resulting from the ownership, by a company, of business premises — Not included*

(European Parliament and Council Regulation No 1215/2012, Art. 7(5))

(see paras 35-38, operative part 2)

Operative part

1. Article 7 of Regulation (EU) No 1215/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12 December 2012 on jurisdiction and the recognition and enforcement of judgments in civil and commercial matters must be interpreted as meaning that a dispute concerning the failure to discharge financial obligations imposed by national law on the co-owners of a building must be regarded as falling within the concept of ‘matters relating to a contract’ within the meaning of Article 7(1)(a) of that regulation.

¹ OJ C 164, 13.5.2019.

2. Article 7(5) of Regulation No 1215/2012 must be interpreted as meaning that a dispute such as that at issue in the main proceedings concerning an obligation arising from the ownership by a company of business premises in which it is established and carries out activities does not constitute a ‘dispute arising out of the operations of a branch, agency or other establishment’ within the meaning of that provision.