

In accordance with Article 1(2) of the Directive in question, the Commission is looking into ways and means of making this Directive and the more specific rules which apply to some categories of foodstuffs more coherent. This work should be completed in the course of 1998.

(¹) OJ L 175, 19.7.1993.

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WRITTEN QUESTION E-3937/97

by Gordon Adam (PSE) to the Commission

(12 December 1997)

Subject: Player transfer restrictions imposed by the British Ice Hockey Association Ltd (BIHA) and the International Ice Hockey Federation (IIHF)

The British Ice Hockey Association Ltd, as the governing body of the sport of ice hockey for the United Kingdom, under the authority of the international Ice Hockey Federation of which it is a member, imposes a range of fees for the registration of players from Ice Hockey Associations other than those from the United Kingdom in addition to the fees which are charged for the registration of United Kingdom players.

The fee for players from other European Union countries is increased depending upon the country with which they have first registered.

The BIHA also asks for an International Transfer Card (ITC) fee which varies depending on the charge levied by the country of origin of the player.

Are the fees imposed compatible with the Treaty of Rome, since they restrict young people from other European Union countries from playing recreational and professional ice hockey in the United Kingdom?

Does the Bosman case have implications for sports other than football, and in particular for ice hockey?

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The British Ice Hockey Association Ltd., as the governing body of the sport of Ice Hockey for the United Kingdom, under the authority of the International Ice Hockey Federation of which it is a member, imposes a range of fees for the registration of players from Ice Hockey Associations other than those comprising the United Kingdom, which are in addition to those fees which are charged for the registration of United Kingdom players.

The fee for players from other European Union countries is increased depending upon the country with which they have first registered.

The B.I.H.A. also asks for an International Transfer Card (I.T.C.) fee which varies depending on the charge levied by the country of origin of the player.

Are the fees imposed within the scope of the Treaty of Rome, since they restrict young people from other European Union countries from playing recreational and professional ice hockey within the United Kingdom?

Does the Bosman case have implications for other sports in addition to football, and in particular to ice hockey?