

Article 23 (2) (relating to fire protection equipment) — technical regulations within the meaning of Article 1 (5) of Directive 83/189/EEC.

(¹) OJ No L 109, 1983, p. 8.

Reference for a preliminary ruling by the VAT and Duties Tribunal, London, by direction of that court of 7 April 1997, in the case of The Institute of the Motor Industry against the Commissioners of Customs and Excise

(Case C-149/97)

(97/C 166/23)

Reference has been made to the Court of Justice of the European Communities by direction of the VAT and Duties Tribunal of 7 April 1997, which was received at the Court Registry on 17 April 1997, for a preliminary ruling in the case of The Institute of the Motor Industry against the Commissioners of Customs and Excise, on the following question:

'In the light of the findings of fact in paragraph 3—19 and 21 of the Decision of the Tribunal and in circumstances of the sort found in paragraph 21 (which is summarized below), are the services supplied by such an association, being a non-profit-making organization, exempt from VAT as falling within the scope of Article 13A.1 (1) of the Sixth Directive (¹) by virtue of the following words:

"(...) organizations with aims of a (...) trade-union (...) nature (...)?"

Paragraph 21, in summary, states that the association is a voluntary association of individuals comprising of employees in the retail motor industry. The primary purposes of the association are the improvement of the standards of its members at work, the improvement of career structures within the different sectors of the industry and the consequent enhancement of the public perception of the industry and the people working within it. The association seeks to achieve these ends by responding to the requirements of the industry for skills at all levels, by validating courses (run by other institutions) that teach those skills, by making awards on completion of those courses and by grading its members, by disseminating information designed to keep its members up to date with developments in the industry and in their skills and by keeping a job placement register.'

(¹) Directive 77/388/EEC of the Council of 17 May 1977 on the harmonization of the laws of the Member States relating to turnover taxes — Common system of value added tax: uniform basis of assessment (OJ No L 145, 13. 6. 1977, p. 1).

Removal from the register of C-205/90 (¹)

(97/C 166/24)

By order of 20 February 1997 the President of the Court of Justice of the European Communities has ordered the removal from the register of Case C-205/90 (reference for a preliminary ruling from the Rechtbank van Koophandel te Kortrijk): Les Assurances du Crédit Namur SA v. 1. PVBA 'Bowy' and 2. G. Decoopman.

(¹) OJ No C 212, 25. 8. 1990.

Removal from the register of C-126/96 (¹)

(97/C 166/25)

By order of 25 February 1997 the President of the Court of Justice of the European Communities has ordered the removal from the register of Case C-126/96 (reference for a preliminary ruling from Her Majesty's Court of Session in Scotland, Edinburgh): Marie Brizard and Roger International SA v. William Grant & Sons (International) Ltd and William Grant & Sons Ltd.

(¹) OJ No C 180, 22. 6. 1996.

Removal from the register of C-133/96 (¹)

(97/C 166/26)

By order of 25 February 1997 the President of the Court of Justice of the European Communities has ordered the removal from the register of Case C-133/96 (reference for a preliminary ruling from the Corte di Appello di Ancona): Ministero delle Finanze dello Stato v. Foods Import Srl dei Flli Monti.

(¹) OJ No C 180, 22. 6. 1996.

Removal from the register of C-186/95 (¹)

(97/C 166/27)

By order of 27 February 1997 the President of the Court of Justice of the European Communities has ordered the removal from the register of Case C-186/95 (reference for a preliminary ruling from the Pretura Circondariale di Roma, Sezione Distaccata di Castelnuovo di Porto): criminal proceedings against Luciano Iommi, Giovanni Carnovale, Franco De Bonis, Giorgio Iommi and Antonio Iommi.

(¹) OJ No C 208, 12. 8. 1995.