

2. If not, is the manner in which these provisions are interpreted and applied in practice by the Conseil Supérieur de l'Audiovisuel contrary to Article 59 of the EC Treaty (now Article 49 EC) insofar as they prevent or restrict (a) the advertising of alcoholic drinks at sporting events taking place in Member States other than France when the events are to be televised in France and (b) the broadcasting in France of sporting events taking place in other Member States at which there is advertising of alcoholic beverages?

Reference for a preliminary ruling by the Unabhängiger Verwaltungssenat Salzburg by order of that court of 23 August 2000 in the appeal concerning Merkurbau-Grundstücksverwertungs GmbH & Co KG, Manfred Wander, Grundverkehrsbeauftragter des Landes Salzburg and Grundverkehrslandeskommission des Landes Salzburg

(Case C-319/00)

(2000/C 302/40)

Reference has been made to the Court of Justice of the European Communities by order of the Unabhängiger Verwaltungssenat Salzburg of 23 August 2000, received at the Court Registry on 28 August 2000, for a preliminary ruling in the appeal concerning Merkurbau-Grundstücksverwertungs GmbH & Co KG, Manfred Wander, Grundverkehrsbeauftragter des Landes Salzburg and Grundverkehrslandeskommission des Landes Salzburg on the following question:

Are the provisions of Article 56 et seq. of the EC Treaty to be interpreted as precluding the application of Paragraphs 12 to 14 of the Salzburger Grundverkehrsgesetz (Salzburg Land Transfer law) of 1997 in the version published in LGBl. No. 11/1999, whereby any person who wishes to acquire a building plot in the federal Land of Salzburg must comply with a notification or authorisation procedure in respect of the acquisition of that plot, with the consequence that one of the fundamental freedoms of the acquirer of title as guaranteed by the laws of the European Union has been infringed in this case?

Reference for a preliminary ruling by the Corte Suprema di Cassazione — Sezione Unite Civile by order of that court of 9 June 2000 in the case of Fonderie Officine Meccaniche Tacconi SpA against HWS Heinrich Wagner Sinto Maschinenfabrik GmbH

(Case C-334/00)

(2000/C 302/41)

Reference has been made to the Court of Justice of the European Communities by order of the Corte Suprema di Cassazione — Sezione Unite Civile (Supreme Court of Cas-

sation — United Civil Chambers) of 9 June 2000, which was received at the Court Registry on 11 September 2000, for a preliminary ruling in the case of Fonderie Officine Meccaniche Tacconi SpA against HWS Heinrich Wagner Sinto Maschinenfabrik GmbH on the following question:

Does an action against a defendant for pre-contractual liability fall within the scope of matters relating to delict or quasi-delict (Article 5(3)? If not, does it fall within the scope of matters relating to a contract (Article 5(1)(1)? If it does, what is 'the obligation in question'? Otherwise, is the general criterion of 'domicile of the defendant' the only criterion applicable?

(¹) Article 5(1) and (3) of the Brussels Convention 1968 on Jurisdiction and the Enforcement of Judgments in Civil and Commercial Matters (consolidated version) (OJ 1998 C 27, p. 1).

Removal from the register of Case C-525/99⁽¹⁾

(2000/C 302/42)

By order of 3 April 2000, the President of the Court of Justice of the European Communities has ordered the removal from the register of Case C-525/99 (Reference for a preliminary ruling from the Unabhängiger Verwaltungssenat Salzburg): Neubau GmbH and Herbert Bogensberger.

(¹) OJ C 79 of 18.3.2000.

Removal from the register of Case C-38/00⁽¹⁾

(2000/C 302/43)

By order of 10 May 2000, the President of the Court of Justice of the European Communities has ordered the removal from the register of Case C-38/00 (Reference for a preliminary ruling from the Deputy Traffic Commissioner, North Western Traffic Area): Public enquiry concerning Aaron Theophilus Joseph, trading under the name of Woodcroft Haulage.

(¹) OJ C 122 of 29.4.2000.