

Article 7(1)(a) of Regulation No 1215/2012 must be interpreted as meaning that an action by which a bar association seeks an order that one of its members pay the annual professional fees for which he or she is liable and which are essentially intended to finance services, such as insurance services, must be regarded as constituting an action in 'matters relating to a contract', within the meaning of that provision, provided that those fees constitute consideration for services provided by that bar association to its members and those services are freely consented to by the member concerned, which it is for the referring court to ascertain.

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(<sup>1</sup>) OJ C 301, 27.8.2018.

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**Judgment of the Court (Fifth Chamber) of 4 December 2019 (request for a preliminary ruling from the Bundesgerichtshof — Germany) — Consorzio Tutela Aceto Balsamico di Modena v Balema GmbH**

(Case C-432/18) (<sup>1</sup>)

*(Reference for a preliminary ruling — Protection of geographical indications and designations of origin for agricultural products and foodstuffs — Regulations (EC) No 510/2006 and (EU) No 1151/2012 — Article 13(1) — Regulation (EC) No 583/2009 — Article 1 — Registration of the name 'Aceto Balsamico di Modena (PGI)' — Protection of the non-geographical components of that name — Scope)*

(2020/C 36/11)

*Language of the case: German*

**Referring court**

Bundesgerichtshof

**Parties to the main proceedings**

*Applicant:* Consorzio Tutela Aceto Balsamico di Modena

*Defendant:* Balema GmbH

**Operative part of the judgment**

Article 1 of Commission Regulation (EC) No 583/2009 of 3 July 2009 entering a name in the register of protected designations of origin and protected geographical indications [Aceto Balsamico di Modena (PGI)] must be interpreted as meaning that the protection of the name 'Aceto Balsamico di Modena' does not extend to the use of the individual non-geographical terms of that name.

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(<sup>1</sup>) OJ C 427, 26.11.2018.