

Case law

Case Details
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Member State: Belgium
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Decision type: Court decision in appeal

Decision date: 08/05/2012 **Court:** Court of Appeal Brussels

Subject:

Plaintiff: TOTAL Belgium NV

Defendant: Multiservice Reizen NV and H.

Keywords: travel Directive Articles

Package Travel Directive, Article 2, 4. Package Travel Directive, Article 2, 5.

Headnote

A package travel contract, concluded between an entity which is not the actual traveller, and the travel organizer, falls under the scope of the rules set out in Directive 90/314 (and the Belgian Act of 16 February 1994 which implements this Directive).

Facts

Defendant periodically organized, as a travel organize, incentive business trips for the plaintiff. After a certain time, a discussion arose between the parties and they ended up before court for unpaid invoices. Whereas plaintiff invoked the protection provided by the provisions set out in Directive 90/314 (implemented into Belgian law in the Act of 16 February 1994), the defendant stated that this Directive/Act cannot be applied as the contract was concluded between two corporate entities, and not between a traveller (natural person) and the travel organizer.

Legal issue

According to the court, the definition of traveller, as set out in the Directive/Act, is sufficiently clear to determine that the travel contract must not be concluded by the traveller itself. It suffices that the contract is concluded to the benefit of the traveller.

Decision

Does a package travel contract, concluded between an entity which is not the actual traveller, and the travel organizer, fall under the scope of the rules set out in Directive 90/314 (and the Belgian Act of 16 February 1994 which implements this Directive)?

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Result

The court ruled that the rules on package travels should be applied to the case at hand.

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