

Flashcards: European Union

Re Tachographs: The
Commission v UK
(1979)

(failure to fulfil treaty obligations)

- A regulation requiring mechanical recording equipment to be installed in lorries was issued
- UK government left it to the lorry owners to decide whether or not to use such equipment
- Regulations automatically became laws in Member States

Van Duyn v Home Office (1974)

(failure to fulfil treaty obligations)

- Van Duyn, a Dutch national, claimed the British Government, through the Home Secretary, infringed TFEU article 45(3) by denying her an entry permit to work at the Church of Scientology.
- UK government failed to implement The Free Movement of Workers Directive 64/221/EC article 3(1)
- The European Court of Justice held that van Duyn could be denied entry if it was for reasons related to her personal conduct, as outlined in the Directive 64/22/EEC.

Marshall v Southampton and Southampton Hampshire AHA (1986)

(vertical direct effect)

- Miss Marshal was required to retire aged 62, whereas men retired aged 65
 not discriminatory according to English law
- Equal Treatment Directive 76/207 had not been fully implemented in the UK, so her claims against her employers was successful

Frankovich v Italian Republic (1991)

(horizontal direct effect)

- The Italian government failed to implement a directive aimed at protecting wages of employees whose employer became insolvent
- The claimant was unable to get wages from his firm, which went into liquidation
- Court of Justice of the EU decided he was entitled to compensation

Van Gend en Loos (1963)

(EU law takes precedence over UK law)

- Van Gend en Loos, a postal and transportation company, imported urea formaldehyde from West Germany to the Netherlands.
- The authorities charged them a tariff on the import. Van Gend en Loos objected
- Ignoring advocate opinion, the European Court of Justice held that Van Gend en Loos could recover the money it paid under the tariff.



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Factortame's case (1990)

(UK laws cannot contradict to the Treaty of Rome 1957)

 A judicial review case taken against the United Kingdom government by a company of Spanish fishermen who claimed that the United Kingdom had breached European Union law by requiring ships to have a majority of British owners if they were to be registered in the UK