

ECJ Court Watch – Landmark Ruling

ECJ 3 June 2021, case C-624/19 (Tesco Stores), Gender Discrimination, Discrimination General

[Employees] – v – Tesco Stores Ltd, UK case

Summary

The principle, laid down by EU law, of equal pay for male and female workers can be relied upon directly, in respect both of ‘equal work’ and of ‘work of equal value’, in proceedings between individuals. A summary of the case can be found on: <https://curia.europa.eu/jcms/upload/docs/application/pdf/2021-06/cp210095en.pdf>.

Question

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Ruling

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ECJ 3 June 2021, case C-784/19 (TEAM POWER EUROPE), Social Insurance, Temporary Agency Work, Posting of Workers and Expatriates

‘TEAM POWER EUROPE’ EOOD – v – Direktor na Teritorialna direksia na Natsionalna agentsia za prihodite – Varna, Bulgarian case

Summary

A temporary-work agency must carry out a significant part of its activities of assigning temporary agency workers locally for local social insurance to be applicable. The ECJ’s summary can be found on: <https://curia.europa.eu/jcms/upload/docs/application/pdf/2021-06/cp210092en.pdf>.

Question

Must Article 14(2) of Regulation No 987/2009 be interpreted as meaning that a temporary-work agency established in a Member State must, in order for it to be considered that it ‘normally carries out its activities’, within the meaning of Article 12(1) of Regulation No 883/2004, in that Member State, carry out a significant part of its activities of assigning temporary agency workers for the benefit of user undertakings established and carrying out their activities in the territory of that Member State?

Ruling

Article 14(2) of Regulation (EC) No 987/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 September 2009 laying down the procedure for implementing Regulation (EC) No 883/2004 on the coordination of social security systems must be interpreted as meaning that a temporary-work agency established in a Mem-