

QORTI TA' L-APPELL

ONOR. IMHALLEF RAYMOND C. PACE

Seduta tad-29 ta' Novembru, 2012

Appell Civili Numru. 44/2011

Vito Domenico Benvenga (ID 69576A)

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Director-General Department for Agriculture & Fisheries Regulation

II-Qorti,

<u>I. PRELIMINARI.</u>

Illi fit-22 ta' Novembru 2011 it-Tribunal Industrijali ppronunzja s-segwenti decizjoni fl-ismijiet premessi: -

"This case has been referred to the Industrial Tribunal by means of a Declaration made by Vito Domenico Benvenga in the Maltese language filed in the Court Registry on the 3rd February 2011, signed by Doctor Matthew Brincat.

For the purposes of Section 78 of Chapter 452 of the Laws of Malta it has to be stated that this case could not be concluded within the time stipulated by law due to the fact that evidence was tendered on a number of sittings.

DECLARATIONS

In his Declaration, Claimant declares that on the 9th of March 2006 he was employed within the Ministry for Resources and Rural Affairs, previously named Ministry for Rural Affairs and Environment, as an Official Veterinarian, Scale 5, by means of a fixed term contract for one year. Then his employment was extended for four other one-year terms starting on the 6th March 2007, 6th March 2008, 6th March 2009 and 6th March 2010 respectively. Complainant was still in employment with Respondent, and this continuously for more than four vears, and therefore his contract of employment has automatically been converted from a fixed-term one into an indefinite one, as provided by the Contracts of Service for a Fixed Term Regulations of 2007 (Legal Notice 51 of 2007) as applicable for employees with the Government by means of the 2007 Regulations for the Extension of Applicability to Service with Government (Legal Notice 157 of 2007). Claimant states that he enquired about his employment and he received an electronic mail from a representative of his employer stating that "there is no chance for your definite contract to become indefinite". Claimant felt that his employment rights were being breached, and after writing a judicial letter; Respondents did not answer him. Claimant asked this Tribunal (a) to declare that his employment was for an indefinite duration under the same conditions applicable at the time, and (b) to be paid compensation by Respondent for breaching the applicable law.

Subsequently, on the 10th March 2011, Claimant filed an application by which he stated that following the filing of this case, on the 4th March 2011 his employer sent him a letter informing him that his fixed-term employment was not going to be renewed. Claimant deemed this non-renewal as in breach of Legal Notice 51 of 2007 as made

applicable to him by Legal Notice 157 of 2007, since by such Regulations his employment was converted into an indefinite term engagement. For these reasons Claimant further requested that the non-renewal of his engagement was in breach of Legal Notice 51 of 2007 and that he be reinstated to his former post under an indefinite term employment under the same conditions he had before his employment was terminated, and/or be adequately compensated.

Respondents Director General for Agriculture and Fisheries Regulation and the Attorney General filed a reply for the first Declaration on the 8th of March 2011 whereby it was stated that Claimant's requests are factually and legally unfounded because the applicable contract of employment is the one starting on the 6th of March 2007; the contract starting on the 6th March 2006 has no further legal validity because the one starting on the 6th March 2007 totally superseded the previous one; that by the applicability of Section 1179 of the Civil Code the first contract was superseded and there was a totally new legal relationship under the second contract; actually the subsequent three yearly extensions always referred only to the contract dated 6th March 2007; that the four years employment only expired on the 6th March 2011; that Claimant knew his employment was not for an indefinite duration since he sent his employer a letter dated 6th September 2010 showing his willingness to have his contract of employment renewed; that only the Director General has the right to decide in his discretion whether Claimant's contract of employment should be renewed or not; that although Legal Notice 51 of 2007 came in force subsequent to the contracts dated 6th March 2006 and 6th March 2007 the said Legal Notice was applicable just the same for employees already in employment. Respondent further pleaded that there are objective reasons for which Claimant's contract of employment shall remain for a fixed term, but these reasons were not stated in the contracts of employment dated 6th March 2006 and 6th March 2007 because Legal Notice 51 of 2007 came into force on the 13th March 2007: however by email dated 12th December 2007 Complainant

was informed of the objective reason for which his employment should remain for a fixed term. Finally the Respondent Attorney General pleaded that he has no legal relation with Complainant.

With respect Claimant's application dated 10th March 2011, Respondents pleaded the nullity of both the original declaration as well as the subsequent application in so far they were neither signed by a legal procurator nor filed in court by the Claimant himself, as required by law which is made applicable to this case by Section 73 (9) of Chapter 452 of the Laws of Malta. Furthermore, Respondents replied that the letter dated 4th March 2011 informing Claimant that his employment contract is not being renewed was in reply to Claimant's letter dated 6th September 2010 whereby Claimant stated his availability to have his employment extended. Respondents further claimed that Section 6 (i) of Claimant's contract of employment stipulates that the Government terminate this employment at any time given that a month's notice is given or a two-week salary is paid to Claimant.

PRELIMINARY STAGE

On the first sitting it was agreed that although all acts filed so far were in the Maltese language, this case would be heard and decided in the English language due to the fact that the Claimant does not understand the Maltese language well. Furthermore, Respondents declared that the Director General of the Department for Agriculture and Fisheries Regulation was the employer of Claimant. In view of this, Claimant withdrew all his claims against the Attorney General. Therefore the Attorney General does not form part of this case any more.

Respondent withdrew his nullity plea raised in his Reply dated 14th March 2011. It was agreed and decided that Claimant's application dated 10th March 2011 adding a claim of unfair dismissal be treated as forming an integral part of his complaint against Respondent and that both issues be decided together by one decision.

EVIDENCE

On a prima facie stage, Claimant stated that he was employed as the Official Veterinarian, Scale 5, with Respondent for a fixed term commencing the 9th March 2006. His employment was extended four times, each extension commencing on the 6th of March of the years 2007, 2008, 2009, and 2010, and during all this time he was always assigned the same job. Claimant had informed the Permanent Secretary by letter dated 6th September 2010 that he was prepared to remain in employment at the end of the term, and this in compliance with Section 9 of his contract of employment. He says that in September 2010, he and Dr Sergio Fiore further went to speak to the authorities to enquire about their employment and they were informed that their employment could not be converted into an indefinite one because that would set a precedent: they were encouraged to apply for the post of Veterinary Officer which falls in Scale 8. This information was then confirmed by Manwel Cortis (People Management Director) who sent him an email dated 4th November 2010 stating that Claimant's contract can in no way be converted into an indefinite employment and that he should consider applying for the post of Veterinary Officer. When he was still in employment, Claimant commenced this case to have this Tribunal investigate any possible breach of his rights under the law, but then on the 11th March 2011 (this date cannot be correct since Claimant filed his relative application on the 10th of March 2011) he received a letter dated 4th March 2011 from his employer informing him that his engagement was not being renewed. Claimant states that neither of his two contracts of employment declared that there were objective reasons for which his employment can never be converted into an indefinite engagement. Claimant does not recall receiving the email dated 12th December 2007 whereby he was informed that there is an objective reason for his employment to remain for a fixed term, which is that he was only employed for a specific task; however he does not deny receiving it.

Respondent then started by producing Director for People Management John Borg who confirmed that basically the contract signed in 2006 was the same as the one signed in 2007. He confirms that Claimant was informed by email dated 12th December 2007 that his employment shall remain for a definite term because of the objective reason that it was for the completion of a specific task, which task was what the Director General assigns to him. He was not aware what the specific task was. He says that there was a call for applications for Veterinary Officers, but this employment is different and the employee would be in the public service. Claimant's post was at scale 5 while the call for applications was for a post at scale 8: there were negotiations with the Public Service Commission so that the post be raised to scale 6, and this was accepted.

Two other Italian veterinarians applied to this post and actually got it. Remuneration was lower, but there was security of tenure. In cross-examination witness explained that the objective reason for keeping Claimant's employment for a fixed term was that he was employed for a specific task, but then this was the standard letter that would be issued in similar circumstances.

Dr Anthony Gruppetta, Director General at Respondent Department testified and explained that Claimant was employed to perform official veterinarian duties at the poultry slaughter houses, and food establishments' approvals. At the time of the 2006 contract there was someone else occupying the post of Director General; when he took over in 2007 the second contract was signed because he was directed to do so by the Office of the Prime Minister. As far as he was involved, he knows that Claimant's duties always remained the same. Witness explained that in 2006 live veterinarians were employed on a fixed-term contract to resolve a problem that cropped up at the time, and their employment kept on being extended because the problem was not resolved. When witness took over, the five veterinarians were already in employment, and as a matter of fact he did not communicate the shortage problem to them. Witness states that no definite-term contract was converted into an

indefinite one, but the veterinarians were offered a definite-term employment at a lower wage. Originally they had a post at maximum scale 5, whilst the indefinite employment was at scale 8 with a market correctivity to scale 6. Witness explained that though the situation had slightly improved at the time he was testifying (31st May 2011), "we continue to issue calls for permanent posts. In fact we have one that is currently published that will close this Friday, just following one which closed in December. So we are always on the lookout for more veterinarians. And the reason why we kept them on employment was because we still needed veterinarians at that time." He further testified that even on the day he was testifying. there was still a shortage of veterinarians. Veterinarians are nowadays being employed by an indefinite term contract and the duties that were carried out by Claimant are being executed by other veterinarians.

Claimant testified again and explained that when he was informed about the call for veterinarians for an indefinite term, there was no guarantee that he would get such a contract. During his 5 years of employment he was never told that he was performing some particular task that upon its completion there will be no further duties for him to perform. Claimant also points out that in his letter dated 6th September 2010, which he wrote simply to abide by the clauses of Ms employment contract, he asked for the renewal of his employment "for a further indefinite period." He confirms that nobody ever explained to him what was the objective reason for which his employment had to remain for a fixed term.

<u>CONSIDERATIONS</u>

Basically, this Tribunal has to decide whether Claimant's employment was converted from a fixed-term contract to an indefinite contract of employment, whether there was any breach of law by Respondent, and in the case of an affirmative outcome on the first issue, whether Claimant's employment was terminated in breach of the law.

Claimant's legal counsel ably argues that by Legal Notice 51 of 2007 (as made applicable to employees engaged with the Government by Legal Notice 157 of 2007), for Regulation 7 to be applicable for a case, the continuous employment need not be governed by one contract, and subregulation 7 (1) (b) really used to say so. Today it is Subsidiary Legislation's Regulation 7 (1) (a) that stipulates that conversion takes place in cases of continuous employment under one or more contracts of work. Whilst the law speaks of employment "in excess of four years", Claimant was in employment from 9th March 2006 till 5th March 2011: almost five years. Therefore Respondent's plea that the 4-year term was not exceeded because the 2006 contract was totally superseded simply does not hold water. About Respondent's plea that by the Civil Code and the principle of pacta sunt servanda emplovment contracts overrule the conditions employment set out in Chapter 452 of the Laws of Malta and the Regulations emanating from it, this Tribunal finds that even this is not legally founded, as laws of employment are specific and override general principles of law and general provisions of law in the Civil Code.

This Tribunal notices that the applicable law in this issue is Subsidiary Legislation 452.81 which is not just Legal Notice 51 of 2007, but also subsequent amendments in the years 2007, 2008 and 2009. According to this Subsidiary Legislation, Regulation 7 (1) a fixed-term employment is converted into an indefinite employment if there is continuous employment in excess of four years and the employer is not able to provide objective reasons why this employment should be only renewed on a fixed term basis. Respondent is arguing that there was an objective reason, and Claimant was informed about it by means of an email dated 12th December 2007. Now Respondent claims in his original Reply to this case that the objective reason was not listed in Claimant's contract of employment because Legal Notice 51 of 2007 came in force on the 13th March 2007 whilst the two claimant's contracts were signed before, on the 6th March 2006 and 6th March 2007. This Tribunal notices that whilst the first contract was signed on the 9th March 2006, the second was signed on the 13th November 2007 with retroactive effect. This means that the second contract was signed AFTER that Legal Notice 51 came into force, and therefore in breach of sub-Regulation 7 (6) (i) (a) of that Legal Notice and todays sub-Regulation 7 (6) (i) (a) of Subsidiary Legislation 452.81. By sub-Regulation 7 (6) (ii) (a) of both that Legal Notice and by today's Subsidiary Legislation, when the employer is not compliant with this requirement, the employee's contract of employment shall indefinite automatically become an contract employment-upon the expiry of 4 years. For all intents and purposes it must be clarified that although sub-Regulation 7(6)(iii) permits the employer to inform current fixed-term employees of the objective reason(s) for not converting the contract into an indefinite one, in this present case this was not done within the 6-month period prescribed by the same sub-regulation; nor was the so called "objective reason" really explained to the employee. As a matter of fact, neither was this "objective reason" proven to the satisfaction of this Tribunal as required by subregulation 8 (3) of the quoted Subsidiary Legislation.

Respondent brings forward two other pleas. The first is that the letter dated 6th September 2010 shows that Claimant was accepting that his employment had to be renewed because it was for a fixed term. This Tribunal notices that through the operation of the law above stated, Claimant's employment was converted automatically into an indefinite employment after that four years lapsed, that is on the 9th of March 2010, and therefore a letter which was sent almost 6 months later could not revert his employment into a fixed term one. The other plea is that by Clause 6 of Claimant's contract of work, the Government could terminate this employment by just giving one month notice or paying two weeks salary. This Tribunal declares that the rules stipulated by Chapter 452 of the Laws of Malta and the Regulations emanating from it override this clause which is less favourable to the employee, and the rules regulating termination of employment of a fixed term contract or an indefinite term contract shall be those stipulated in that law.

DECISION

Therefore, after seeing all the acts of this case, this Tribunal declares that Respondent was not compliant with the applicable Maltese law, and as a legal consequence Claimant's employment has been automatically converted into an employment for an indefinite term, with effect from the 9th of March 2010. Furthermore, the termination of Claimant's employment was consequently not for a justifiable reason at law. Therefore, this Tribunal orders that Claimant shall be reinstated into his employment prior to its termination within twenty (20) days from today. Furthermore, whilst Claimant is not entitled to any remuneration for the period he has been out of employment, he is entitled to be compensated by Respondent, which compensation is hereby being fixed in the amount of eight thousand Euros (€8,000.00), which has to be paid to Claimant within forty days from today.

Lawyers' fees following this decision are being fixed in the amount of ninety three Euros (€93). This case is hereby being definitely determined."

Rat ir-rikors tal-appell tad-Direttur Generali intimat datat 2 ta' Dicembru 2011 fejn talab lill-Qorti sabiex *in vista* tal-aggravji minnu mressqa tilqa' l-appell tieghu u dan billi tirrevoka u thassar is-sentenza appellata bl-ispejjez kontra l-istess appellat.

Rat ir-risposta tal-appell ta' Vito Domenico Benvenga (ID 69576(A)) datata 6 ta' Frar 2012 a fol 10 tal-process fejn sostna ghar-ragunijiet hemm indikati li d-decizjoni tat-Tribunal Industrijali hija gusta u timmerita konferma u ghalhekk I-appell interpost ghandu jigi michud filwaqt li taghti dawk I-provvedimenti necesarji biex I-appellat jinghata I-paga li tilef minhabba I-fatt li r-re-instatement li inghata I-appellat ma giex affettwat mit-12 ta' Dicembru 2011 kif indikat fid-decizjoni apellata. BI-ispejjez kontra I-istess appellanti.

Rat li dan l-appell kien appuntat ghas-smigh ghas-seduta tal-10 ta' Mejju 2012.

Rat il-verbal tas-seduta mizmuma fl-10 ta' Mejju 2012 fejn meta ssejjah l-appell deher Dr. Andrew Cardona ghall-appellanti, u Dr. Matthew Brincat ghall-appellat. Iddifensuri trattaw il-kaz. L-appell gie differit ghas-sentenza in difett ta' ostakolu ghad-29 ta' Novembru 2012.

Rat I-atti kollha tal-istess kawza inkluz id-decizjoni tat-Tribunal Industrijali fl-ismijiet premessi datata 22 ta' Novembru 2011.

Rat id-dokumenti esebiti.

Rat I-atti kollha I-ohra tal-kawza.

II. KONSIDERAZZJONIJIET.

Illi I-appell tad-Direttur Generali intimat huwa fis-sens li (a) skont I-artikolu 110 tal-Kostituzzjoni huwa I-Prim Ministru li jagixxi fuq ir-rakkomandazzjoni tal-Kummissjoni dwar is-Servizz Pubbliku li jista' jaghmel hatriet godda u ghalhekk hija din id-disposizzjoni li tapplika ghall-kaz in ezami; (b) I-ordni ta' re-instatement tezorbita mill-poter tat-Tribunal minhabba dak provdut fl-artikolu 110 tal-Kostituzzjoni u I-artikolu 7.10 tal-Avviz Legali 51 tat-2007; (c) tali decizjoni tmur kontra I-artikolu 80 tal-Kap. 452 li jipprovdi li t-Tribunal ghandu jizgura li ma jkunx hemm indhil fuq il-funzjonijiet tal-Kummissjoni dwar is-Servizz Pubbliku, u ghandu jastjeni milli jiehu konjizzjoni ta' kull haga li taqa' taht il-funzjoni tal-Kummissjoni.

Illi I-ewwel punt li trid tiddeciedi din il-Qorti huwa I-produzzjoni ta' Dok. "ABC 1" datat 3 ta' Frar 2010 li gie esebit I-ewwel darba quddiem din il-Qorti, minghar ma nghatat ebda raguni ghaliex I-istess dokument ma giex prezentat quddiem it-Tribunal, meta ma jidhirx li kien hemm xi impediment li dan isir, iktar u iktar meta dan kien indirizzat lill-Permanent Secretary, Ministry for Resources and Rural Affairs u allura lill-appellanti.

Illi I-appellat oppona ghal tali produzzjoni tad-dokument ghaliex jinghad li ma hemmx cirkostanzi eccezzjonali li jimmeritaw tali prezentazzjoni u jekk jithalla li jsir dan, din il-Qorti ma tibqax izjed wahda tat-tieni istanza, izda ssir wahda tal-ewwel istanza u din il-Qorti taqbel ma' dan u tirreferi ghal dak li nghad fis-sentenzi "Josef Farrugia vs Christopher Carabott et" (A.C. – 24 ta' Gunju 2011) u "Frederick Attard vs Malta International Airport p.l.c" (A.C. – 14 ta' Novembru 2011) f'dan ir-rigward u allura tordna I-isfilz tal-imsemmi dokument "Dok. ABC 1" ghaliex dan setgha gie facilment prodott mill-appellant quddiem I-istess Tribunal izda dan ma ghamlux ghar-ragunijiet li jaf huwa biss bihom, izda bl-ebda mod ma huma gustifikabbli jew gew b'xi mod gustifikati quddiem din il-Qorti.

Illi dwar I-appell imressaq jinghad fl-ewwel lok li I-aggravji kollha tal-appellanti llum tqajjmu I-ewwel darba quddiem din il-Qorti, u ghalhekk ma hemm I-ebda dubju li proceduralment I-appell kif impost illum huwa rregolari ghaliex bhala Qorti ta' Sekond'Istanza ghandha tezamina I-lanjanzi, f'dan il-kaz legali, li jkunu gja dibattuti quddiem it-Tribunal, u mhux jigu trattati aggravji, eccezzjonijiet jew talbiet godda, li qatt ma gew trattati quddiem I-ewwel istanza. Altrimenti ma jkunx hemm id-dritt ta' doppju ezami li din il-Qorti qed intiza li topera.

Illi fil-fatt fis-sentenza "Connie Caccattiolo vs Silvio Bonnici et" (A.I.C. (PS) – 20 ta' Jannar 2003) jinghad li:-

"jigi sottolineat mill-bidunett illi mhux lecitu li l-konvenut appellanti jqajjmu materji quddiem l-Qorti ta' Revizjoni li flebda hin ma gew ventilati minnhom quddiem l-ewwel Qorti. Dan 'Kemm ghax dan jkun jissorprendi il-kontroparti u jipprivaha mid-dritt tad-doppio ezami kif ukoll ghaliex din il-Qorti ma ghandhiex bhala regola tippermetti li dan isir meta l-fatti li fuqhom dawn il-kontestazzjonijiet jkunu bbazati jkunu ovvjament diga sewwa maghrufa lill-appellanti qabel u waqt it-trattazzjoni tal-kawza quddiem lewwel Qorti (Malcolm Cachia nomine vs Joseph Apps nomine, Appell 30 ta' Gunju 1997".

Fuq dan l-aspett jinghad li l-aggravji tal-appellanti huma kollha godda u ma tqajjmu fl-ebda stadju quddiem it-Tribunal u ma hemm l-ebda raguni ghaliex dan ma' sarx; fil-verita' lanqas sar almenu tentattiv mill-appellant sabiex jispjega ghaliex dan ma sehhx, anke jekk jigi koncess li din il-Qorti ma tara ebda raguni ghaliex dak illum hawn sottomess, ma giex ecepit fir-risposta tal-appellant quddiem it-Tribunal li saret fit-8 ta' Marzu 2011 jew almenu f'xi mument permessibbli skont il-Ligi qabel iddecizjoni tat-Tribunal fit-22 ta' Novembru 2011 u dan ghandu jwassal sabiex l-aggravji ma jigux milqugha ghaliex huma inammessibbli.

Illi izda anke jekk dan ghal mument jigi moghti l-genb biss ghal grazzja tal-argument, jinghad li bid-decizjoni li ha listess Tribunal kull ma ghamel kien li applika r-Regolamenti tal-Avviz Legali 157 tal-2007 li estendew lapplikabilita' tad-disposizzjonijiet dwar Kuntratti ta' Servizz ghal Terminu ta' Zmien fiss ghal Servizz mal-Gvern u Iiskop tar-regolament 7 (10) tal-Avviz Legali 51 tal-2007 huwa intiz biss sabiex iservi bhala protezzioni ghal dawk Iimpjegati li kienu jahdmu mal-Gvern ghal aktar minn 4 snin izda li l-impjieg taghhom ma kienx wiehed li sar skont il-Kostituzzjoni mill-bidu nett tar-reklutagg, u allura ma japplikax langas ghall-kaz in ezami, li huwa ghal kollox differenti ghaliex ir-reklutagg tal-appellat kien mill-bidu nett wiehed regolari, u kull ma gie deciz kien biss li skont limsemmi regolamenti, issa applikabbli wkoll ghal impjegati tal-Gvern, tali kuntratt gie legalment u awtomatikament estiz ghal wiehed indefinit.

Illi fil-fatt it-test shih tar-regolament 7 (10) tal-Avviz Legali 51 tal-2007 jipprovdi li:-

"Izda jekk relazzjoni ta' impjieg bhal dik fis-servizz pubbliku jew fis-settur pubbliku tigi terminata wara li tkun inzammet fis-sehh ghall-perjodu li jkun jeccedi erba' snin ghar-raguni illi ma' saritx skond il-Kostituzzjoni jew skond xi ligi ohra li tapplika ghall-impjieg fis-servizz pubbliku jew fis-settur pubbliku, l-impjegat illi l-impjieg tieghu jkun hekk terminat jista' jitlob kumpens lill-principal li kellhu u jista' ghal dan l-iskop jirreferi l-kaz tieghu lit-Tribunal Industrijali fi zmien erba' xhur mid-data tal-imsemmija terminazzjoni, u jekk it-Tribunal ikun sodisfatt illi r-raguni tat-terminazzjoni tal-impjieg kienet illi l-impjieg ma sarx skond il-Kostituzzjoni jew skond xi ligi ohra msemmija hawn fuq, ghandu jaghti ghotja ta' kumpens li fl-opinjoni tat-Tribunal tkun effettiva bizzejjed u li tkun tikkostitwixxi deterrent kontra l-abbuz fl-process ta' reklutagg, u f'kull kaz, kumpens bhal dan ghandu jkun ikkalkolat bhala xahar paga ghal kull sena ta' impjieg, izda l-ammont m'ghandux ikun anqas mill-ammont ekwivalenti ghat-total ta' pagi pagabbli lil din il-persuna f'perjodu ta' sitt xhur fl-impjieg".

F'dan il-kaz qatt ma kien hemm xejn irregolari fil-process ta' reklutagg tal-appellat fl-impjieg tieghu mal-Gvern u allura dak li jghid l-appellant fil-paragrafu 3.5 tar-rikors tal-appell tieghu ma huwiex applikabbli ghall-kaz in ezami u fil-verita' non sequitur ghaliex legalment inkorrett.

Illi dwar I-aggravju allegat li dak li ddecieda t-Tribunal imur kontra I-**artikolu 80 tal-Kap. 452**, dan mhux legalment korrett ghaliex bl-ebda mod I-istess Tribunal ma' dahal filfunzjonijiet tal-Kummissjoni dwar is-Servizz Pubbliku izda kull ma ghamel huwa li applika I-Ligi skont I-Avvizi Legali msemmija.

III. KONKLUZJONI.

Illi ghalhekk ghal dawn il-motivi, din il-Qorti, taqta' u tiddeciedi, billi filwaqt li tilqa' r-risposta tal-appellat datata 6 ta' Frar 2012 biss in kwantu l-istess hija konsistenti ma' dak hawn deciz, tichad l-appell tal-appellanti id-Direttur Generali fil-kwalita` tieghu premessa fir-rikors tal-appell tieghu datat 2 ta' Dicembru 2011 ghaliex huwa nfondat fil-fatt u fid-dritt ghar-ragunijiet hawn decizi, b'dan li din il-Qorti qed tikkonferma ghall-finijiet u effetti tal-Ligi d-decizjoni tat-Tribunal Industrijali flismijiet "Vito Domenico Benvenga vs The Director General of the Department for Agricultural and Fisheries Regulation (Case No. 2875/LC – Decision No. 2115).

BI-ispejjez kontra id-Direttur General appellant.
Moqrija.
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