



Case law

Case Details

National ID: J.nr.: 12/03125 Member State: Denmark Common Name:J.nr.: 12/03125

Decision type: Other **Decision date:** 18/04/2013

Court: The Danish Consumer Ombudsman

Subject:

Plaintiff: Forbrugerombudsmanden (the Danish Consumer Ombudsman)

Defendant: DanTaxi

Keywords: environmental claim, environmental marketing, false impression, inaccurate information, misleading advertising, misleading statements

Directive Articles

Unfair Commercial Practices Directive, Chapter 2, Section 1, Article 6, 1., (b)

Headnote

A statement by a trader that its services offered are more environment-friendly than those of its competitors, where that trader cannot proof this allegation, constitutes a misleading advertising.

Facts

The defendant, a taxi company, had a label on its taxis saying that the taxi company used more environment-friendly taxis than any other Danish taxi company.

However, the defendant did not provide any proof of this allegation.

Legal issue

The Danish Consumer Ombudsman stated that the defendant could not prove the accuracy of its statement and thus the company was required to remove the label.

Decision

Does a statement by a trader that its services offered are more environment-friendly than those of its competitors, where that trader cannot proof this allegation, constitute a misleading advertising?

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Result

The taxi company was required to remove the label.