



Container Centralen Won Case Against KG van Vliet – Again!



Early April this year, KG van Vliet lost his appeal of a court case from August 2009. KG van Vliet appealed the verdict in his case against the pool operator Container Centralen (CC), where all his claims were rejected.

The Dutch / Danish company Container Centralen hires out the CC Container, which has become the acknowledged transport unit for pot plants in Europe. KG van Vliet has been a CC customer for many years and has many CC Containers under contract with CC. At the end of July 2009, KG van Vliet filed a lawsuit against CC.

KG van Vliet's case against CC was based on the claim that CC was not allowed to raise the pool fee for items where it was not specified in the contracts that prices were eligible to adjustments. Also, KG van Vliet claimed that CC did not protect the CC Container pool well enough, resulting in the inflow of low-quality containers, which leads to higher repair costs in the pool in general and therefore to a higher pool fee for the legal and loyal users in the pool.

In the verdict of August 2009, all KG van Vliet's claims were rejected. In his appeal against this verdict, KG van Vliet brought forward eight

further grievances. The court stated that none of these grievances had any clear or no relation to the court decision, and therefore these were not accepted by the court. The original verdict is therefore now being confirmed, and KG van Vliet has to compensate CC for some of the costs incurred by CC for the court proceedings.

It is worth noting that one of the central points of the case was the alleged insufficient protection of the pool of CC Containers. CC has the identification labels of the containers exchanged regularly to identify and eliminate illegal containers in the pool. The next operation where all labels will be exchanged, will take place by November 1, 2010. This time an RFID* tag, which is developed by IBM, will be incorporated in the new identification labels. The security level of the RFID tag provides a unique protection against copies, and this was one of the reasons why the court ruled that the CC Container pool is indeed well protected, and this was confirmed at the recent appeal case.

*Radio Frequency Identification

Picture caption:

The CC Container will get RFID tags by November 1, which will make it even easier to reveal and reject illegal copies from the pool.

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