

ECJ Decides on Request for Expedited Procedure Concerning Customs Assistance Centres: *Centro di Assistenza Doganale Mellano* (Case C-503/23) (Customs)

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The Court of Justice of the European Union (ECJ) gave its decision in the case of *Centro di Assistenza Doganale (CAD) Mellano Srl v. Agenzia delle Dogane e dei Monopoli – Agenzia delle Dogane – Direzione Interregionale per la Liguria, Ministero dell'Economia e delle Finanze* (Case C-503/23), regarding the possibility for customs assistance centres to conduct their operations at a different location to their registered office. In its preliminary ruling request, the referring court also asked the ECJ to consider the appropriateness of submitting this particular case to the expedited procedure under article 105 of the [Rules of Procedure of the Court of Justice](#).

In this regard, the President of the Court noted that according to the settled case-law of the ECJ, the general interest of the questions raised or the litigants' legitimate interest in quickly determining the scope of their rights under Union law, does not in itself constitute an exceptional circumstance to justify the application of the expedited procedure. Furthermore, the upcoming preliminary ruling's significance in the procedure before the referring court is not in itself a justification for using the expedited procedure.

In this sense, on 19 October 2023, the President of the Court ruled along these lines:

"The Regional Administrative Court for Piedmont, Italy's application for expedited handling of Case C-503/23, submitted to the Court of Justice, under Article 105 of the Rules of Procedure, has been dismissed."

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