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NEWS REPORT

Country:	Denmark
Title:	Change of the Act on the Board of Equal Treatment
Date:	15 January 2016
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<u>Context</u>	
Issue at stake:	From January 1, 2016 the Board of Equal Treatment can only deal with complaints from persons with a legal interest in the case
Ground of discrimination:	All grounds
Source:	Act no. 1570 of December 15, 2015 amending the Act on the Board of Equal Treatment

Content

Law:

The amendments establish that individuals making complaints to the Board of Equal Treatment must have an individual and current interest in the case in question. The amendments also establish that the Institute for Human Rights – The National Human Rights Institute of Denmark may bring complaints to the Board in cases that are a matter of principle or of general public interest comparing to before where the Institute could not bring cases to the Board of Equal Treatment.

Finally, the amendments establish that complaints, which can be adjudicated in accordance with well-established case law could be decided by one member of the Board's presidency only.

Key points of analysis:

The objective of the amendment is to avoid cases where the complainants do not have an individual interest in the case.

The other objective is for the Board to be able to better prioritize its resources, which is made possible by allowing one member of the presidency to decide on cases by him- or herself.

Internet link source:

<https://www.retsinformation.dk/Forms/R0710.aspx?id=176316>

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