Judgment of the General Court of 25 November 2010 — Vidieffe v OHIM — Ellis International Group (GOTHA)

(Case T-169/09) (1)

(Community trade mark — Opposition proceedings — Application for Community word mark GOTHA — Earlier Community figurative mark gotcha — Relative ground for refusal — Likelihood of confusion — Similarity of the signs — Article 8(1)(b) of Regulation (EC) No 40/94 (now Article 8(1)(b) of Regulation (EC) No 207/2009))

(2011/C 30/65)

Language of the case: Italian

Parties

Applicant: Vidieffe Srl (Bologna, Italy) (represented by: M. Lamandini, D. De Pasquale and M. Pappalardo, lawyers)

Defendant: Office for Harmonisation in the Internal Market (Trade Marks and Designs) (represented by: P. Bullock)

Other party to the proceedings before the Board of Appeal of OHIM: Perry Ellis International Group Holdings, Ltd (Nassau, Bahamas)

Re:

Action brought against the decision of the First Board of Appeal of OHIM of 12 February 2009 (Case R 657/2008-1), relating to opposition proceedings between Perry Ellis International Group Holdings, Ltd and Vidieffe Srl.

Operative part of the judgment

The Court:

- 1. Annuls the decision of the First Board of Appeal of the Office for Harmonisation in the Internal Market (Trade Marks and Designs) (OHIM) of 12 February 2009 (Case R 657/2008-1), in so far as it annuls the decision of the Opposition Division, inasmuch as that decision rejected the opposition, first, in respect of '[leather and imitations of leather] goods (not included in other classes); trunks and travelling bags; umbrellas, parasols and walking sticks' in Class 18 and, second, in respect of all the goods in Class 25.
- 2. Dismisses the action as to the remainder.
- 3. Orders OHIM to bear its own costs and pay those incurred by Vidieffe Srl.

(1) OJ C 141, 20.6.2009.

Judgment of the General Court of 9 December 2010 — Wilo v OHIM (Faceted casing of an electric motor and representation of green facets)

(Joined Cases T-253/09 and T-254/09) (1)

(Community trade mark — Application for a three-dimensional Community trade mark — Faceted casing of an electric motor — Application for a Community trade mark representing green facets — Absolute grounds for refusal — Lack of distinctive character — Article 7(1)(b) of Regulation (EC) No 40/94 (now Article 7(1)(b) of Regulation (EC) No 207/2009))

(2011/C 30/66)

Language of the case: German

Parties

Applicant: Wilo SE (Dortmund, Germany) (represented by: G. Braun, lawyer)

Defendant: Office for Harmonisation in the Internal Market (Trade Marks and Designs) (represented by: B. Schmidt and P. Quay, agents)

Re:

Two actions brought against the decisions of the First Board of Appeal of OHIM of 30 March 2009 (Cases R 1184/2008-1 and R 1196/2008-1) concerning applications for registration of a three-dimensional sign consisting of the shape of faceted casing of an electric motor and a figurative sign representing green facets.

Operative part of the judgment

The Court:

- 1. Dismisses the action.
- 2. Orders Wilo SE to pay the costs.

(1) OJ C 205, 29.8.2009.

Judgment of the General Court of 9 December 2010 — Fédération internationale des logis v OHIM (Green convex square)

(Case T-282/09) (1)

(Community trade mark — Application for a Community figurative trade mark representing a green convex square — Absolute ground for refusal — Lack of distinctive character — Article 7(1)(b) of Regulation (EC) No 207/2009)

(2011/C 30/67)

Language of the case: French

Parties

Applicant: Fédération internationale des logis (Paris, France) (represented by: B. Brisset, lawyer)