Action brought on 6 November 2013 — FK v Commission

(Case T-248/13)

(2014/C 9/39)

Language of the case: English

Parties

Applicant: FK (Damascus, Syria) (represented by: E. Grieves, Barrister, and J. Carey, Solicitor)

Defendant: European Commission

Form of order sought

The applicant claims that the Court should:

- Annul Commission Regulation (EC) No 14/2007 of 10 January 2007 amending for the 74th time Council Regulation (EC) No 881/2002 imposing certain specific restrictive measures directed against certain persons and entities associated with Usama bin Laden, the Al-Qaida network and the Taliban, and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 467/2001 (OJ L 6, p.6) insofar as it applies to the applicant, and Commission's decision of 6 March 2013 to maintain the listing;
- Order the Commission to pay the costs.

Pleas in law and main arguments

In support of the action, the applicant relies on five pleas in law.

- 1. First plea in law, alleging that the contested decision was not taken promptly or within a reasonable time period.
- 2. Second plea in law, alleging that the Commission has failed to meaningfully evaluate for itself whether the applicant satisfied the relevant criteria. In particular, the applicant states that the Commission: (a) failed to seek and/or obtain the underlying evidence for the allegations; (b) failed to ensure the statement of reasons was coterminous with the reason relied upon by the United Nations Sanctions Committee and failed to seek and/or obtain sufficient detail of the allegations such as to permit the applicant to answer such effectively; (c) failed to assess whether any of the allegations are based upon material tainted by torture; and (d) failed to seek and/or obtain any relevant exculpatory material.
- 3. Third plea in law, alleging that the Commission has failed to apply the correct burden and standard of proof.
- 4. Fourth plea in law, alleging that the statement of reasons relied upon by the Commission is legally defective in that:

 (a) none of the allegations are supported by evidence thereby failing to demonstrate the allegations are well

founded; (b) some allegations are insufficiently precise such as to enable to the applicant to effectively challenge the allegations; (c) some allegations are so historic and/or vague such as to fail to rationally connect to the relevant criteria; and (d) some allegations are inconsistent with exculpatory material.

5. Fifth plea in law, alleging that the Commission failed to perform a proportionality exercise, balancing the fundamental rights of the applicant with the actual current risk he is said to pose.

Action brought on 4 October 2013 — Panrico v OHIM — HDN Development (Krispy Kreme DOUGHNUTS)

(Case T-534/13)

(2014/C 9/40)

Language in which the application was lodged: Spanish

Parties

Applicant: Panrico, SA (Barcelona, Spain) (represented by: D. Pellisé Urquiza, lawyer)

Defendant: Office for Harmonisation in the Internal Market (Trade Marks and Designs)

Other party to the proceedings before the Board of Appeal: HDN Development Corp. (Frankfort, United States of America)

Form of order sought

The applicant claims that the General Court should:

- declare the present action admissible;
- set aside the decision of 25 July 2013 of the Fourth Board of Appeal of the Office for Harmonisation in the Internal Market in Case R 623/2011-4, notified to the applicant on 29 July 2013; and
- declare invalid Community trade mark No 1 298 785 'KRISPY KREME DOUGHNUTS'.

Pleas in law and main arguments

Registered Community trade mark in respect of which a declaration of invalidity has been sought: Figurative mark 'Krispy Kreme DOUGHNUTS' for products and services in Classes 25, 30 and 42 — Registered Community trade mark No 1 298 785

Proprietor of the Community trade mark: HDN Development Corp.

Applicant for the declaration of invalidity of the Community trade mark: Applicant