

# GENERAL COURT

**Judgment of the General Court of 25 September 2015 — PPG and SNF v ECHA**

(Case T-268/10 RENV) <sup>(1)</sup>

**(REACH — Identification of acrylamide as a substance of very high concern — Intermediates — Action for annulment — Whether directly concerned — Admissibility — Proportionality — Equal treatment)**

(2015/C 389/24)

*Language of the case: English*

## Parties

*Applicants:* Polyelectrolyte Producers Group GEIE (PPG) (Brussels, Belgium) and SNF SAS (Andrézieux-Bouthéon, France) (represented by: R. Cana, D. Abrahams and E. Mullier, lawyers)

*Defendant:* European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) (represented by: M. Heikkilä, W. Broere and T. Zbihlej, acting as Agents, and by J. Stuyck and A.-M. Vandromme, lawyers)

*Interveners in support of the defendant:* Kingdom of the Netherlands (represented by: B. Koopman, acting as Agent); and European Commission (represented by: D. Kukovec, E. Manhaeve and K. Talabér-Ritz, acting as Agents)

## Re:

Application for annulment of the decision of ECHA (EC No 201-173-7) identifying acrylamide as a substance fulfilling the criteria referred to in Article 57 of Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 December 2006, concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH), establishing a European Chemicals Agency, amending Directive 1999/45/EC and repealing Council Regulation (EEC) No 793/93 and Commission Regulation (EC) No 1488/94 as well as Council Directive 76/769/EEC and Commission Directives 91/155/EEC, 93/67/EEC, 93/105/EC and 2000/21/EC (OJ 2006 L 396, p. 1), in accordance with Article 59 thereof.

## Operative part of the judgment

*The Court:*

1. *Dismisses the action;*
2. *Orders Polyelectrolyte Producers Group GEIE (PPG) and SNF SAS to pay their own costs and those incurred by the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA);*
3. *Orders the Kingdom of the Netherlands and the European Commission to bear their own costs.*

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ C 274, 9.10.2010.