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Judgment of the General Court of 25 March 2026 – SAS Cargo Group and Others v Commission

(Case T-313/21) ⁽¹⁾

(Non-contractual liability – Competition – Agreements, decisions and concerted practices – Market for airfreight – Reduction of the fine by the General Court – Refusal of the Commission to pay interest on the overpayment – Limitation period – Starting point of the limitation period – Interruption – Admissibility – Concept of ‘interest’ – Rate applicable)

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Language of the case: English

Parties

Applicants: SAS Cargo Group A/S (Kastrup, Denmark), Scandinavian Airlines System Denmark-Norway-Sweden (Stockholm, Sweden), SAS AB (Stockholm) (represented by: B. Creve, M. Kofmann, J. Killick and G. Forwood, lawyers)

Defendant: European Commission (represented by: P. Rossi, M. Domecq, T. Isacu de Groot and L. Wildpanner, acting as Agents)

Re:

By their action, the applicants seek, principally, on the basis of Article 268 and the second paragraph of Article 340 TFEU, compensation for the damage which they allegedly sustained on account of the European Commission's refusal to pay them interest due under the first paragraph of Article 266 TFEU in compliance with the judgment of 16 December 2015, *SAS Cargo Group and Others v Commission* (T-56/11, not published, EU:T:2015:990), or, in the alternative, on the basis of Article 263 TFEU, annulment of the decision of the Commission of 25 March 2021 refusing to pay interest at the statutory rate.

Operative part of the judgment

The Court:

1. Orders the European Commission to pay SAS Cargo Group A/S, Scandinavian Airlines System Denmark-Norway-Sweden and SAS AB compensation in the amount of EUR 14 438 793,21 for the damage sustained;
2. Orders that the compensation referred to in point 1 be increased by default interest for the period from 5 February 2021 until payment of that compensation in full at a rate of 3.5 %;
3. Dismisses the action as to the remainder;
4. Orders SAS Cargo Group, Scandinavian Airlines System Denmark-Norway-Sweden, SAS and the Commission each to bear their own costs.

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 289, 19.7.2021.