Judgment of the Court of First Instance (Seventh Chamber) of 18 December 2008 — Muñiz v Commission

(Case T-144/05)

(Access to documents — Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 — Documents relating to a meeting of the Working Group of the 'Tariff and Statistical Nomenclature Section (Mechanical/Miscellaneous)' of the Customs Code Committee — Refusal of access — Exception relating to the protection of the decision-making process)

European Communities — Institutions — Right of public access to documents — Regulation No 1049/2001 — Exceptions to the right of access to documents (Regulation of the European Parliament and Council No 1049/2001, Arts. 2(1) and 4(3), first para.) (see paras 74, 75, 82, 84-88, 90-94)

Re:

APPLICATION for annulment of the Commission's decision of 3 February 2005 refusing to grant access to certain documents relating to the September 2004 meeting of the Working Group of the 'Tariff and Statistical Nomenclature Section (Mechanical/ Miscellaneous)' of the Customs Code Committee.

Operative part

The Court:

 Annuls the Commission's decision of 3 February 2005 inasmuch as it refused access to documents, 'TAXUD/1369/2003' relating to home cinema, 'TAXUD/974/2004' relating to vehicles for dual use, 'TAXUD/1342/2003', 'TAXUD/2465/2004' and 'TAXUD/2495/2004' relating to power supply units, 'XXI/770/1998' relating to incomplete ADP machines, and to the minutes of the September 2004 meeting of the Working Group of the 'Tariff and Statistical Nomenclature Section (Mechanical/Miscellaneous)' of the Customs Code Committee (document 'TAXUD/3010/2004 — Annex V');

- 2. Declares that there is no need to adjudicate on the remainder of the action;
- 3. Orders the Commission to pay the costs incurred by Mr Pablo Muñiz.

Judgment of the Court of First Instance (Fifth Chamber) of 18 December 2008 — Componenta v Commission

(Case T-455/05)

(State aid — Metallurgy sector — Acquisition of a shareholding held by an undertaking in a property company and repayment of a loan by that undertaking to the property company in consideration for an investment in that undertaking — Decision declaring the aid incompatible with the common market and ordering its recovery — Private investor test — Valuation of the shares in a property company — Valuation of the real property assets of a company — Duty to state the reasons for the decision — Finding of the Court of its own motion)

- 1. Procedure Application initiating proceedings Formal requirements Brief summary of the pleas in law on which the application is based (Rules of Procedure of the Court of First Instance, Art. 44(1)(c)) (see paras 44, 45)
- 2. State aid Concept Competence conferred on the Commission and the national court to classify a national measure as State aid Limited discretion of the Commission (Art. 87(1) EC) (see para. 97)
- 3. Acts of the institutions Statement of reasons Obligation Scope Commission decision on State aid (Arts 87(1) EC and 253 EC) (see paras 98-100)

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