GENERAL COURT

Judgment of the General Court of 7 March 2012 — British Aggregates v Commission

(Case T-210/02 RENV) (1)

(State aid — Environmental tax on aggregates in the United Kingdom — Commission decision not to raise objections — Advantage — Selective nature)

(2012/C 118/33)

Language of the case: English

Parties

Applicant: British Aggregates Association (Lanark, United Kingdom) (represented by: C. Pouncey, J. Coombes, Solicitors, and L. Van den Hende, lawyer)

Defendant: European Commission (represented by: M. Afonso, J. Flett and B. Martenczuk, Agents)

Intervener in support of the defendant: United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (represented initially by: T. Harris, and subsequently by S. Ossowski, acting as Agents, and by M. Hall and G. Facenna, Barristers)

Re:

Application for partial annulment of Commission Decision C(2002) 1478 final of 24 April 2002 on State aid file N 863/01 — United Kingdom/Aggregates Levy.

Operative part of the judgment

The Court:

- Annuls Commission Decision C(2002) 1478 final of 24 April 2002 on State aid file N 863/01 — United Kingdom/ Aggregates Levy, save as regards the exemption for Northern Ireland;
- 2. Orders the European Commission to bear its own costs and to pay those incurred by the British Aggregates Association before the Court of Justice and the General Court;
- Orders the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to bear its own costs incurred before the Court of Justice and the General Court.

Judgment of the General Court of 6 March 2012 — UPM-Kymmene v Commission

(Case T-53/06) (1)

(Competition — Agreements, decisions and concerted practices — Plastic industrial bags sector — Decision finding an infringement of Article 81 EC — Duration of the infringement — Single and continuous infringement — Fines — Gravity of the infringement — Mitigating circumstances — Undertaking playing a passive role — Proportionality)

(2012/C 118/34)

Language of the case: English

Parties

Applicant: UPM-Kymmene Oyj (Helsinki, Finland) (represented initially by: B. Amory, E. Friedel and F. Bimont, subsequently by B. Amory, E. Friedel, F. Bimont and F. Amato, and finally by B. Amory, lawyers)

Defendant: European Commission (represented by: F. Castillo de la Torre, Agent, and by M. Gray, Barrister)

Re:

Application for annulment of Commission Decision C(2005) 4634 final of 30 November 2005 relating to a proceeding pursuant to Article 81 [EC] (Case COMP/F/38.354 — Industrial bags).

Operative part of the judgment

The Court:

- 1. Annuls Commission Decision C(2005) 4634 final of 30 November 2005 relating to a proceeding pursuant to Article 81 [EC] (Case COMP/F/38.354 Industrial bags) in so far as it holds UPM-Kymmene Oyj liable for the single and continuous infringement referred to in Article 1(1) thereof, in respect of the period prior to 10 October 1995;
- 2. Sets the amount of the fine imposed by Article 2(j) of that decision at EUR 50.7 million;
- 3. Dismisses the action as to the remainder;
- 4. Orders the European Commission and UPM-Kymmene each to bear their own costs.

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 219, 14.9.2002.

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 86, 8.4.2006.