GENERAL COURT

Judgment of the General Court of 14 June 2012 — Stichting Natuur en Milieu, Pesticide Action Network Europe v Commission

(Case T-338/08) (1)

(Environment — Regulation (EC) No 1367/2006 — Maximum residue levels for pesticides — Request for internal review — Refusal — Measure of individual scope — Validity — Aarhus Convention)

(2012/C 217/32)

Language of the case: Dutch

Parties

Applicants: Stichting Natuur en Milieu (Utrecht (Netherlands)), Pesticide Action Network Europe (London (United Kingdom)) (represented by: B. Kloostra and A. van den Biesen, lawyers)

Defendant: European Commission (represented initially by B. Burggraaf and S. Schønberg and subsequently by B. Burggraaf and P. Oliver, Agents)

Interveners in support of the defendant: Republic of Poland (represented initially by M. Dowgielewicz and subsequently by M. Szpunar, Agents); and Council of the European Union (represented by: K. Michoel and B. Driessen, Agents)

Re:

Application for annulment of the decisions of the Commission of 1 July 2008 rejecting as inadmissible the requests made by the applicants for review by the Commission of Commission Regulation (EC) No 149/2008 of 29 January 2008 amending Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council by establishing Annexes II, III and IV setting maximum residue levels for products covered by Annex I thereto (OJ 2008 L 58, p. 1)

Operative part of the judgment

The Court:

- Annuls the decisions of the Commission of 1 July 2008 rejecting as inadmissible the requests made by Stichting Natuur en Milieu and Pesticide Action Network Europe for review by the Commission of Commission Regulation (EC) No 149/2008 of 29 January 2008 amending Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council by establishing Annexes II, III and IV setting maximum residue levels for products covered by Annex I thereto;
- 2. Orders the European Commission to bear, in addition to its own costs, the costs incurred by Stichting Natuur en Milieu and Pesticide Action Network Europe;
- 3. Orders the Polish Republic and the Council of the European Union to bear their own costs.

Judgment of the General Court of 13 June 2012 — Insula v Commission

(Case T-246/09) (1)

(Arbitration clause — Financing contracts for research and development projects — MEDIS and Dias.Net contracts — Lack of supporting documents and non-compliance with the contractual requirements in respect of some of the declared expenses — Retention of a sum intended for another co-contractor — Reimbursement of sums advanced — Partial inadmissibility of the action — Counterclaim by the Commission — Partial removal of need to adjudicate in relation to the counterclaim)

(2012/C 217/33)

Language of the case: French

Parties

Applicant: Conseil scientifique international pour le développement des îles (Insula) (Paris, France) (represented by: J.-D. Simonet and P. Marsal, lawyers)

Defendant: European Commission (represented initially by A.-M. Rouchaud-Joët and F. Mirza, and subsequently by A.-M. Rouchaud-Joët and D. Calciu, Agents, and by L. Defalque and S. Woog, lawyers)

Re:

Application, first, for a declaration that a claim of the Commission of EUR 189 241,64 is unfounded, second, that the Commission be ordered to issue a 'credit note' in that amount and, lastly, that the Commission be ordered to pay damages of EUR 212 597, principally, and EUR 230 025, in the alternative.

Operative part of the judgment

The Court:

- 1. Dismisses the action brought by the Conseil scientifique international pour le développement des îles (Insula);
- 2. Declares that there is no need to adjudicate on the counterclaims submitted by the Commission in so far as they seek a declaration that Insula be ordered to pay the principal sum due and the interest thereon under the Dias.Net contract;
- 3. Orders Insula to pay the Commission the principal sum of EUR 157 983,11, increased by default interest at the rate of 2,75 % per annum, from 16 May 2009 until full payment of that principal sum;
- 4. Orders Insula to bear its own costs and to pay those incurred by the Commission, including those relating to the procedure for interim relief.

⁽¹) OJ C 301, 22.11.2008. (¹) OJ C 193, 15.8.2009.