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Nor does the contested regulation pursue any of the objectives of the common agricultural policy that are laid down in Article 33(1) EC.

In order to avoid difficulties in the execution of the annual plan, the applicant calls on the court to limit the effects of the annulment to the provision on purchases in Article 2 of Regulation No 983/2008 in conjunction with Annex II thereto.

(¹) Commission Regulation (EC) No 983/2008 of 3 October 2008 adopting the plan allocating to the Member States resources to be charged to the 2009 budget year for the supply of food from intervention stocks for the benefit of the most deprived persons in the Community (OJ 2008 L 268, p. 3).
(²) Council Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 of 22 October 2007 estab-

(2) Council Régulation (EC) No 1234/2007 of 22 October 2007 establishing a common organisation of agricultural markets and on specific provisions for certain agricultural products (Single CMO Regulation) (OJ 2007 L 299, p. 1).

# Action brought on 23 December 2008 — DVB Project v OHIM — Eurotel (DVB)

(Case T-578/08)

(2009/C 55/78)

Language in which the application was lodged: English

# Parties

Applicant: DVB Project (Le Grand Saconnex, Switzerland) (represented by: W. Pors, lawyer)

Defendant: Office for Harmonisation in the Internal Market (Trade Marks and Designs)

Other party to the proceedings before the Board of Appeal: Eurotel SpA (Milan, Italy)

## Form of order sought

- Annul the decision of the Second Board of Appeal of the Office for Harmonisation in the Internal Market (Trade Marks and Designs) of 14 October 2008 in case R 1387/2007-2;
- Order OHIM to pay the costs.

#### Pleas in law and main arguments

Registered Community trade mark subject of the application for a declaration of invalidity: The mark 'DVB' for goods and services in classes 9 and 38

Proprietor of the Community trade mark: The applicant

Party requesting the declaration of invalidity of the Community trade mark: The other party to the proceedings before the Board of Appeal

Decision of the Cancellation Division: Dismissal of the request for invalidity

Decision of the Board of Appeal: Allowed the appeal and annulled the contested decision

Pleas in law: Infringement of Article 7(1)(c) of Council Regulation 40/94 as the Board of Appeal wrongly found that a monopoly on the registered Community trade mark subject of the application for a declaration of invalidity would seriously impair the business activities of traders in the field of telecommunication; Infringement of Articles 7(3) and 51(2) of Council Regulation 40/94 as the Board of Appeal failed to analyse the merits of the issue of acquired distinctiveness raised by the applicant.

### Action brought on 30 December 2008 — Cantiere Navale De Poli v Commission

(Case T-584/08)

(2009/C 55/79)

Language of the case: Italian

#### **Parties**

Applicant: Cantiere Navale De Poli SpA (represented by: A. Abate, lawyer, R. Longanese Cattani, lawyer)

Defendant: Commission of the European Communities

# Form of order sought

- Annul the decision adopted by the European Commission on 21 October 2008 on State aid from Italy No C 20/2008 (ex N 62/2008).
- Order the Commission to pay the costs.

#### Pleas in law and main arguments

Council Regulation (EC) No 1177/2002 of 27 June 2002 (OJ 2002 L 172, p. 1) is based on Article 87(3)(e) EC and introduced a temporary defensive mechanism for shipbuilding, with the aim of restoring the market conditions distorted by the anticompetitive practices of the Korean shipyards. The expiry of the

regulation, initially set for 31 March 2004, was subsequently postponed for one year, thus allowing Community shipyards until 31 March 2005 (the new expiry date of the regulation) to conclude further contracts for building certain types of cargo vessel. In support of those contracts, the regulation provides for aid of up to 6 % of the contract value. The applicant is party to five contracts for the construction of chemical vessels.

In order to finance all of the contracts during the period from 2002 to 2005, Italy notified two financing packages of EUR 10 million each. The Commission authorised the first by decision of 19 May 2004 but refused, by the contested decision, to authorise the second financing package. The Commission maintains that the additional financing constitutes 'new aid' within the meaning of Article 4 of Commission Regulation (EC) No 794/2004 of 21 April 2004 (OJ 2004 L 140, p. 1) in that it represents more than 20 % of the original budget of the scheme. The Commission further argues that the additional financing is incompatible with the common market in that the notification was made after 31 March 2005, the date on which Regulation No 1177/2002 expired.

The applicant submits that it was not possible for the Italian Government to prepare the financing for the contracts by 31 March 2005, since it was not in a position to have knowledge of all the contracts concerned: that being the last day of application of the regulation, the undertakings had the right to conclude contracts up to and on that day.

The applicant accordingly puts forward the following pleas in law in support of its action to contest the decision, in particular:

- infringement of Regulation No 1177/2002 in the light of the specific aims of the legislature in relation to Article 87(3)(e) EC;
- infringement of Article 4(2)(a) of Commission Regulation No 794/2004 in so far as the additional financing of EUR 10 million has been categorised as 'new aid';
- irrelevance of the recommendation of 20 June 2005 of the WTO Dispute Settlement Body in respect of the shipbuilding contracts lawfully concluded under Regulation No 1177/2002;
- failure to state reasons to substantiate the allegation that there is no legal basis for authorising the additional financing;
- breach of the principles of good administration, the right to a fair hearing, the rights of the defence, equal treatment, subsidiarity and proportionality.

# Action brought on 24 December 2008 — Kerma v OHIM (BIOPIETRA)

(Case T-586/08)

(2009/C 55/80)

Language in which the application was lodged: Italian

#### **Parties**

Applicant: Kerma SpA (Puegnago sul Garda, Italy) (represented by A. Manzoni, lawyer)

Defendant: Office for Harmonisation in the Internal Market (Trade Marks and Designs)

# Form of order sought

- declare that the trade mark BIOPIETRO conforms with Article 4 of the Trade Mark Regulation and is not devoid of any distinctive character within the meaning of Article 7(1)(b) of that regulation;
- order OHIM to pay the costs in the event of its being unsuccessful.

# Pleas in law and main arguments

Community trade mark concerned: Word mark 'BIOPIETRA' (application for registration No 5.658.893), for goods in Class 19.

Decision of the Examiner: Rejection of the application for registration.

Decision of the Board of Appeal: Rejection of the appeal.

Pleas in law: Infringement and incorrect application of Article 7(1)(b) of Regulation (EC) No 40/94 on the Community trade mark.

# Action brought on 2 January 2009 — Italy v Commission

(Case T-3/09)

(2009/C 55/81)

Language of the case: Italian

#### **Parties**

Applicant: Italian Republic (represented by: P. Gentili, avvocato dello Stato)

Defendant: Commission of the European Communities