

Mark or sign cited in opposition:	Figurative mark natura selection for goods and services in Classes 3, 14, 16, 20, 25, 35, 38, 39 and 42, and further Community trade marks and Spanish marks containing the word 'natura,' for goods and services in Classes 3, 14, 16, 20, 21, 24, 25, 27, 28, 35, 39 and 42
Decision of the Opposition Division:	Opposition upheld
Decision of the Board of Appeal:	Appeal dismissed

Operative part

1. Dismisses the action;

2. Orders XXXLutz Marken GmbH to pay the costs.

Judgment of the General Court (Eighth Chamber) of 24 March 2011 — Dover v Parliament

(Case T-149/09)

(Rules governing the payment of expenses and allowances to Members of the European Parliament — Review of the use of allowances — Parliamentary assistance allowance — Justification of expenditure — Recovery of undue payments)

1. *Procedure — Measures of organisation of procedure — Request that internal documents of an institution be removed from the file — Documents irregularly obtained — Retention on file — Criteria (see paras 61-63)*
2. *Acts of the institutions — Statement of reasons — Obligation — Scope — Decision of the Secretary-General of the European Parliament concerning the recovery of sums paid to an MEP by way of parliamentary assistance allowance — Duty to state specific, adequate reasons for each amount regarded as unjustified (Art. 253 EC) (see paras 98-99, 109, 111)*
3. *European Parliament — Regulation governing the payment of expenses and allowances to Members of the European Parliament — Parliamentary assistance allowance — Lack of documents to evidence use in accordance with rules — Obligation to repay — Conditions for granting the allowance met at the time of the application — No effect (see paras 122-124)*
4. *European Parliament — Regulation governing the payment of expenses and allowances to Members of the European Parliament — Parliamentary assistance allowance — Provider of parliamentary assistance services not having honoured his tax obligations arising from the fees relating thereto — Liability of the MEP making the application vis-à-vis the Parliament — None (see paras 150-155)*

Re:

APPLICATION for annulment of Decision D(2009) 4639 of the Secretary-General of the European Parliament of 29 January 2009 concerning the recovery of sums paid to the applicant by way of parliamentary allowances.

Operative part

1. Annuls Decision D(2009) 4639 of the Secretary-General of the European Parliament of 29 January 2009 as regards the recovery of the sum of GBP 193001;

2. Dismisses the action as to the remainder;
3. Orders the Parliament and Mr Densmore Ronald Dover each to bear their own costs.

**Judgment of the General Court (Sixth Chamber) of 24 March 2011 —
Greece v Commission**

(Case T-184/09)

(EAGGF — Guarantee Section — Expenditure excluded from Community financing — Common organisation of the markets in the sugar sector — Article 8(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1663/95 and Article 11(1) and (2) of Regulation (EC) No 885/2006 — Assessment of the risk of financial loss to the EAGGF — Principle of proportionality)

1. *Agriculture — EAGGF — Clearance of accounts — Definitive refusal to accept responsibility for certain expenses — Need for a prior inter partes procedure — Communication by the Commission of the results of verifications — Duty to submit an assessment of the expenses to be disallowed before communication of the results of the verifications — None — Infringement of defence rights — None (Commission Regulations Nos 1663/95, modified by Regulation No 2245/1999, Art. 8, and 885/2006, Art. 11) (see paras 39-40, 44-48, 50, 52)*
2. *Acts of the institutions — Statement of reasons — Obligation — Scope — Decision relating to the clearance of accounts in respect of expenditure financed by the EAGGF — Obligation respective of the mere fact of the close association of the addressee Member State with the process of establishing the decision (Art. 253 EC) (see points 56-57)*