

Judgment of the General Court of 4 September 2015 — United Kingdom v Commission**(Case T-503/12) ⁽¹⁾****(EAGGF — Guarantee Section — EAGF and EAFRD — Expenditure excluded from financing — Single payment scheme — Key controls — Ancillary controls)**

(2015/C 346/16)

Language of the case: English

Parties

Applicant: United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (represented initially by C. Murrell, and subsequently by E. Jenkinson and M. Holt, and finally by M. Holt, acting as Agents, and by D. Wyatt QC, and V. Wakefield, Barrister)

Defendant: European Commission (represented by: N. Donnelly, P. Rossi and K. Skelly, acting as Agents)

Re:

Action for annulment of Commission Implementing Decision 2012/500/EU of 6 September 2012 on excluding from European Union financing certain expenditure incurred by the Member States under the Guarantee Section of the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund (EAGGF), under the European Agricultural Guarantee Fund (EAGF) and under the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) (OJ 2012 L 244, p. 11), as regards four entries in the Annex to the decision relating to a 5 % flat-rate correction applied to expenditure incurred in Northern Ireland (United Kingdom) in the financial years 2008, amounting to EUR 277 231,60 and EUR 13 671 588,90, and 2009, amounting to EUR 270 398,26 and EUR 15 844 193,29.

Operative part of the judgment

The Court:

1. Dismisses the action;
2. Orders the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to bear its own costs and to pay those incurred by the European Commission.

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 26, 26.1.2013.

Judgment of the General Court of 8 September 2015 — Ministry of Energy of Iran v Council**(Case T-564/12) ⁽¹⁾****(Common foreign and security policy — Restrictive measures adopted against Iran with the aim of preventing nuclear proliferation — Freezing of funds — Obligation to state reasons — Rights of the defence — Right to effective judicial protection — Error of assessment — Breach of fundamental rights — Proportionality)**

(2015/C 346/17)

Language of the case: English

Parties

Applicant: Ministry of Energy of Iran (Tehran, Iran) (represented by: M. Lester, Barrister)

Defendant: Council of the European Union (represented by: M. Bishop and A. De Elera, acting as Agents)

Re:

Action for partial annulment of Council Decision 2012/635/CFSP of 15 October 2012 amending Decision 2010/413/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against Iran (OJ 2012 L 282, p. 58) and of Council Implementing Regulation (EU) No 945/2012 of 15 October 2012 implementing Regulation (EU) No 267/2012 concerning restrictive measures against Iran (OJ 2012 L 282, p. 16).

Operative part of the judgment

The Court:

1. *Dismisses the action;*
2. *Orders the Ministry of Energy of Iran to pay the costs.*

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 55, 23.2.2013.

Judgment of the General Court of 4 September 2015 — NIOC and Others v Council

(Case T-577/12) ⁽¹⁾

(Common foreign and security policy — Restrictive measures adopted against Iran with the aim of preventing nuclear proliferation — Freezing of funds — Action for annulment — Infra-State body — Standing to bring proceedings — Admissibility — Obligation to state reasons — Indication and choice of legal basis — Competence of the Council — Principle of foreseeability of European Union acts — Meaning of associated entity — Manifest error of assessment — Rights of defence — Right to effective judicial protection — Proportionality — Right to property)

(2015/C 346/18)

Language of the case: French

Parties

Applicants: National Iranian Oil Company PTE Ltd (NIOC) (Singapore, Singapore); National Iranian Oil Company International Affairs Ltd (NIOC International Affairs) (London, United Kingdom); Iran Fuel Conservation Organization (IFCO) (Tehran, Iran); Karoon Oil & Gas Production Co. (Khouzestan, Iran); Petroleum Engineering & Development Co. (PEDEC) (Tehran); Khazar Exploration and Production Co. (KEPCO) (Tehran); National Iranian Drilling Co. (NIDC) (Khouzestan); South Zagros Oil & Gas Production Co. (Shiraz, Iran); Maroun Oil & Gas Co. (Ahwaz, Iran); Masjed-Soleyman Oil & Gas Co. (MOGC) (Khouzestan); Gachsaran Oil & Gas Co. (Ahmad, Iran); Aghajari Oil & Gas Production Co. (AOGPC) (Khouzestan); Arvandan Oil & Gas Co. (AOGC) (Khoramshar, Iran); West Oil & Gas Production Co. (Kermanshah, Iran); East Oil & Gas Production Co. (EOGPC) (Mashhad, Iran); Iranian Oil Terminals Co. (IOTC) (Tehran); and Pars Special Economic Energy Zone (PSEEZ) (Boushehr, Iran) (represented by: J.-M. Thouvenin, lawyer)

Defendant: European Council (represented by: V. Piessevaux and M. Bishop, acting as Agents)