Action brought on 17 April 2013 — Bayer Intellectual Property/OHIM — Interhygiene (INTERFACE)

(Case T-227/13)

(2013/C 178/25)

Language in which the application was lodged: English

Parties

Applicant: Bayer Intellectual Property GmbH (Monheim am Rhein, Germany) (represented by: E. Armijo Chávarri, lawyer)

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

Other party to the proceedings before the Board of Appeal: Interhygiene GmbH (Cuxhaven, Germany)

Form of order sought

The applicant claims that the Court should:

- Annul the contested decision for being contrary to law insofar as it declares that the INTERFACE Community trademark application is incompatible with the earlier Interfog trademark;
- Expressly sentence OHIM to court fees.

Pleas in law and main arguments

Applicant for a Community trade mark: The applicant

Community trade mark concerned: The word mark 'INTERFACE' for goods in class 5 — Community trade mark application 8 133 977

Proprietor of the mark or sign cited in the opposition proceedings: The other party to the proceedings before the Board of Appeal

Mark or sign cited in opposition: Community trade mark registration of the word mark 'Interfog' for goods in class 5

Decision of the Opposition Division: Upheld the opposition

Decision of the Board of Appeal: Dismissed the appeal

Pleas in law: Infringement of Article 8(1)(b) of Council Regulation No 207/2009.

Action brought on 22 April 2013 — HTC Sweden/OHIM — Vermop Salmon (TWISTER)

(Case T-230/13)

(2013/C 178/26)

Language in which the application was lodged: English

Parties

Applicant: HTC Sweden AB (Söderköping, Sweden) (represented by: G. Hasselblatt and D. Kipping, lawyers)

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

Other party to the proceedings before the Board of Appeal: Vermop Salmon GmbH (Gilching, Germany)

Form of order sought

The applicant claims that the Court should:

- Overturn the decisions of the First Board of Appeal of the Office for Harmonisation in the Internal Market (Trade Marks and Designs) of 31 January 2013, joined Cases R 1873/2011-1 and R 1881/2011-1;
- Order OHIM to bear its own costs as well as the costs of the applicant.

Pleas in law and main arguments

Registered Community trade mark in respect of which a declaration of invalidity has been sought: The figurative mark 'TWISTER' for goods in classes 3, 7 and 21 — Community trade mark registration No 4 617 932

Proprietor of the Community trade mark: The applicant

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

Grounds for the application for a declaration of invalidity: The application of invalidity was based on Articles 53(1)(a) and 8(1)(b) of Council Regulation No 207/2009

Decision of the Cancellation Division: Declared the contested Community trade mark partially invalid

Decision of the Board of Appeal: Dismissed the appeal partially

Pleas in law: Infringement of Article 7(1)(c) of Council Regulation No 207/2009.