

Action brought on 1 February 2002 by the Commission of the European Communities against the Kingdom of Spain

(Case C-29/02)

(2002/C 68/19)

An action against the Kingdom of Spain was brought before the Court of Justice of the European Communities on 1 February 2002 by the Commission of the European Communities, represented by G. Valero Jordana, acting as Agent, with an address for service in Luxembourg at the office of L. Escobar, Wagner Centre C 254.

The applicant claims that the Court should:

- declare that, by failing to bring into force the laws, regulations and administrative provisions needed in order

to comply with Council Directive 98/83/EC⁽¹⁾ of 3 November 1998 on the quality of water intended for human consumption or, in any event, by failing to have informed the Commission of any such laws, regulations or administrative provisions, the Kingdom of Spain has failed to fulfil its obligations under that Directive;

- order the Kingdom of Spain to pay the costs.

Pleas in law and main arguments

Under Articles 17 and 18 of Directive 98/83/EC, the Kingdom of Spain should have brought into force the measures necessary to comply with the Directive by no later than 25 December 2000 and should have informed the Commission thereof.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 330 of 5.12.1998, p. 32.