

According to the ORNIS committee set up by Article 16 of the directive, 'small numbers' should mean an [additional] number of less than 1 % of the annual mortality (average), determined on the basis of an expert opinion, for those species whose hunting is prohibited, and a number corresponding to a level of about 1 % for those species whose hunting is permitted, in such a way, however, that compliance with Article 9 of the directive depends in any case on compliance with the other points of the article. The spring hunting permitted by Finland has exceeded by several times the number calculated on the basis of the committee's recommendation.

(¹) Council Directive 79/409/EEC of 2 April 1979, OJ 1979 L 103, p. 1.

Action brought on 5 August 2003 by the Commission of the European Communities against the Kingdom of Belgium

(Case C-345/03)

(2003/C 226/27)

An action against the Kingdom of Belgium was brought before the Court of Justice of the European Communities on 5 August 2003 by the Commission of the European Communities, represented by M. Konstantinidis and F. Simonetti, acting as Agents, with an address for service in Luxembourg.

The applicant claims that the Court should:

1. declare that, by not adopting all the laws, regulations and administrative provisions necessary to comply with Directive 2000/53/EC (¹) of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 September 2000 on end-of-life vehicles or, in any event, by not communicating them to the Commission, the Kingdom of Belgium has failed to fulfil its obligations under that directive;
2. order the Kingdom of Belgium to pay the costs.

Pleas in law and main arguments

The time-limit for transposition of the directive expired on 21 April 2002.

(¹) OJ 2000 L 269, p. 34.

Removal from the register of Case C-131/02 (¹)

(2003/C 226/28)

By order of 12 June 2003 the President of the Court of Justice of the European Communities ordered the removal from the register of Case C-131/02: Commission of the European Communities v Republic of Austria.

(¹) OJ C 131 of 1.6.2002.

Removal from the register of Case C-393/02 (¹)

(2003/C 226/29)

By order of 18 June 2003 the President of the Court of Justice of the European Communities ordered the removal from the register of Case C-393/02: Commission of the European Communities v Portuguese Republic.

(¹) OJ C 323 of 21.12.2002.

Removal from the register of Case C-407/02 (¹)

(2003/C 226/30)

By order of 25 June 2003 the President of the Court of Justice of the European Communities ordered the removal from the register of Case C-407/02: Commission of the European Communities v Hellenic Republic.

(¹) OJ C 19 of 25.01.2003.

Removal from the register of Case C-10/03 (¹)

(2003/C 226/31)

By order of 26 June 2003 the President of the Court of Justice of the European Communities ordered the removal from the register of Case C-10/03: Commission of the European Communities v Republic of Finland.

(¹) OJ C 44 of 22.02.2003.