Judgment of the Court of First Instance of 1 July 2009 — Operator ARP v Commission

(Case T-291/06) (1)

(State aid — Scheme for restructuring aid granted by the Republic of Poland to a steel producer — Decision declaring the aid to be in part incompatible with the common market and ordering its recovery — Protocol No 8 on the restructuring of the Polish steel industry — Action for annulment — Interest in bringing proceedings — Admissibility — Concept of beneficiary — Article 14(1) of Regulation (EC) No 659/1999)

(2009/C 193/25)

Language of the case: Polish

Parties

Applicant: Operator ARP sp. z o.o. (Warsaw Poland) (represented: initially, by J. Szymanowska, subsequently, by J. Szymanowska and P. Rosiak, and, finally, by P. Rosiak, lawyers)

Defendant: Commission of the European Communities (represented by: C. Giolito and A. Stobiecka-Kuik, Agents)

Re:

Partial annulment of Commission Decision 2006/937/EC of 5 July 2005 on State aid C 20/04 (ex NN 25/04) in favour of Huta Częstochowa S.A. (OJ 2006 L 366, p. 1) to the extent to which it declares some of that aid to be incompatible with the common market and orders the Republic of Poland to effect its recovery.

Operative part of the judgment

The Court:

- 1. Annuls the first subparagraph of Article 3(2) of Commission Decision 2006/937/EC of 5 July 2005 on State aid C 20/04 (ex NN 25/04) in favour of Huta Częstochowa S.A. in so far as it concerns Operator ARP sp. z o.o.;
- 2. Orders the Commission to pay the costs.

Judgment of the Court of First Instance of 1 July 2009 — ThyssenKrupp Stainless v Commission

(Case T-24/07) (1)

(Competition — Agreements, decisions and concerted practices — Stainless steel flat products — Decision finding an infringement of Article 65 CS after expiry of the ECSC Treaty, pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 1/2003 — Alloy surcharge — Powers of the Commission — Imputability of the unlawful conduct — Res judicata — Rights of the defence — Access to the file — Limitation period — Principle of non bis in idem — Cooperation during the administrative procedure)

(2009/C 193/26)

Language of the case: German

Parties

Applicant: ThyssenKrupp Stainless AG (Duisburg, Germany) (represented by: M. Klusmann and S. Thomas, lawyers)

Defendant: Commission of the European Communities (represented by: F. Castillo de la Torre, R. Sauer and O. Weber, Agents)

Re:

Application for annulment, in whole or in part, of the Commission's decision of 20 December 2006 relating to a proceeding under Article 65 [CS] (Case No COMP/F/39.234 — Alloy surcharge — readoption) and, in the alternative, an application for reduction of the fine imposed on ThyssenKrupp Stainless by that decision.

Operative part of the judgment

The Court:

- 1. Dismisses the action;
- 2. Orders ThyssenKrupp Stainless AG to pay the costs.

^{(&}lt;sup>1</sup>) OJ C 310, 16.12.2006.

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 82, 14.4.2007.