Action brought on 20 September 2021 — TestBioTech v Commission

(Case T-606/21)

(2021/C 471/75)

Language of the case: English

Parties

Applicant: TestBioTech eV (Munich, Germany) (represented by: K. Smith, lawyer)

Defendant: European Commission

Form of order sought

The applicant claims that the Court should:

- annul the defendant's decision of 8 July 2021, refusing to revoke or to amend the defendant's implementing decision (EU) 2021/66 (¹), by which Monsanto Europe SA has been permitted, under the GM Regulation (²), to market genetically modified soybean MON 87751 x MON 87701 x MON 87708 x MON 89788 and its sub-combinations in the EU;
- order any other measure deemed appropriate; and
- order the defendant to pay the costs.

Pleas in law and main arguments

In support of the action, the applicant relies on two pleas in law.

- 1. First plea in law, alleging that the defendant committed a manifest error of assessment in failing to give any or any adequate consideration to the potential impact of gene stacking on gene expression in combination with herbicide applications and/or failed to require an adequate assessment under real-world conditions of repeated and/or high application of the two herbicides to which the modified soybean expresses tolerance.
- 2. Second plea in law, alleging that the defendant committed a manifest error of assessment in failing to give any or any adequate consideration to the potential for toxicity, immunogenicity and/or allergenicity in the modified soybean as a result of synergistic effects between the proteins it is genetically modified to express, naturally occurring protease inhibitors in soybeans, exposure to herbicide and/or herbicide residue in the harvest and/or failed to require animal feeding trials of the stack to be conducted.

Action brought on 27 September 2021 — Automobiles Citroën v EUIPO Polestar (Device of two inverted chevrons)

(Case T-608/21)

(2021/C 471/76)

Language of the case: English

Parties

Applicant: Automobiles Citroën (Poissy, France) (represented by: C. Weyl, lawyer)

Defendant: European Union Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO)

Other party to the proceedings before the Board of Appeal: Polestar Holding AB (Götenborg, Sweden)

⁽¹⁾ OJ 2021 L 26, p. 44.

⁽²⁾ Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council (EC) No 1829/2003 of 22 September 2003 on genetically modified food and feed (OJ 2003 L 268, p. 1).

Details of the proceedings before EUIPO

Proprietor of the trade mark at issue: Other party to the proceedings before the Board of Appeal

Trade mark at issue: European Union figurative mark (Device of two inverted chevrons) — European Union trade mark No 16 898 173

Procedure before EUIPO: Cancellation proceedings

Contested decision: Decision of the Fourth Board of Appeal of EUIPO of 9 July 2021 in Case R 502/2020-4

Form of order sought

The applicant claims that the Court should:

- annul the contested decision;
- order EUIPO to pay the costs.

Pleas in law

- Infringement of Article 8(5) of Regulation (EU) 2017/1001 of the European Parliament and of the Council;
- Infringement of Article 8(1)(b) of Regulation (EU) 2017/1001 of the European Parliament and of the Council.

Action brought on 22 September 2021 — Privatbrauerei Eichbaum v EUIPO — Anchor Brewing Company (STEAM)

(Case T-609/21)

(2021/C 471/77)

Language of the case: English

Parties

Applicant: Privatbrauerei Eichbaum GmbH & Co. KG (Mannheim, Germany) (represented by: M. Schmidhuber and E. Levenson, lawyers)

Defendant: European Union Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO)

Other party to the proceedings before the Board of Appeal: Anchor Brewing Company LLC (San Francisco, California, United States)

Details of the proceedings before EUIPO

Proprietor of the trade mark at issue: Other party to the proceedings before the Board of Appeal

Trade mark at issue: European Union word mark STEAM — European Union trade mark No 5 435 375

Procedure before EUIPO: Cancellation proceedings

Contested decision: Decision of the Second Board of Appeal of EUIPO of 14 July 2021 in Case R 780/2020-2

Form of order sought

The applicant claims that the Court should:

— annul the contested decision to the extent that it dismissed the appeal against the decision of the Cancellation Division relating to the goods 'beer, alcoholic beer' in Class 32 and;