

The Commission of the European Communities claims that the Court should:

1. Declare that, by not adopting the laws, regulations and administrative provisions necessary to comply with Directive 98/44/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 6 July 1998 on the legal protection of biotechnological inventions⁽¹⁾ or, in any event, by not communicating those provisions to the Commission, the Kingdom of Belgium has failed to fulfil its obligations under Article 15 of that directive;
2. Order the Kingdom of Belgium to pay the costs.

Pleas in law and main arguments

The time-limit fixed for the transposition of the directive expired on 30 July 2000.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 213 of 30.07.1998, p. 13.

Removal from the register of Case C-33/02⁽¹⁾

(2003/C 289/38)

By order of 19 June 2003 the President of the Court of Justice of the European Communities ordered the removal from the register of Case C-33/02: Commission of the European Communities v Republic of Austria.

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 84 of 6.4.2002.

Removal from the register of Case C-194/02⁽¹⁾

(2003/C 289/39)

By order of 30 June 2003 the President of the Court of Justice of the European Communities ordered the removal from the register of Case C-194/02: Commission of the European Communities v Republic of Austria.

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 169 of 13.7.2002.

Removal from the register of Case C-226/02⁽¹⁾

(2003/C 289/40)

By order of 8 May 2003 the President of the Court of Justice of the European Communities ordered the removal from the register of Case C-226/02 Reference for a preliminary ruling by the Østre Landsret): Remedan af 1985 ApS v Skatteministeriet.

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 219 of 14.9.2002.