Order of the General Court of 25 March 2022 — Alcogroup and Alcodis v Commission (Case T-691/21) (1)

(Action for annulment — Competition — Settlement procedure — Letter from the European Commission inviting an undertaking to express its interest in engaging in a settlement procedure — Act not open to challenge — Preparatory act — Intermediary act — Inadmissibility)

(2022/C 222/50)

Language of the case: French

Parties

Applicants: Alcogroup (Brussels, Belgium) and Alcodis (Brussels) (represented by: P. de Bandt, C. Binet and M. Nuytten, lawyers)

Defendant: European Commission (represented by: P. Berghe, T. Baumé and F. Jimeno Fernández, agents)

Re:

By their action based on Article 263 TFEU, lodged at the Registry of the General Court on 27 October 2021, the applicants seek to have set aside the letter of the European Commission of 17 September 2021, by which the Commission invited the applicants to inform it, within two weeks, of their interest in engaging in a settlement procedure within the meaning of Article 10a of Commission Regulation (EC) No 773/2004 of 7 April 2004 relating to the conduct of proceedings by the Commission pursuant to Articles [101 and 102 TFEU] (OJ 2004 L 123, p. 18), as amended, regarding a potential infringement of Article 101 TFEU that they may have committed with other undertakings.

Operative part of the order

- 1. The action is dismissed as inadmissible.
- 2. The applicant shall pay the costs.

(1) OJ C 513, 20.12.2021.

Action brought on 2 March 2022 — Grodno Azot and Khimvolokno Plant v Council

(Case T-117/22)

(2022/C 222/51)

Language of the case: English

Parties

Applicants: Grodno Azot AAT (Grodno, Belarus) and Khimvolokno Plant (Grodno) (represented by: N. Tuominen and L. Engelen, lawyers)

Defendant: Council of the European Union

Form of order sought

The applicants claim that the Court should:

— annul Council Implementing Decision (CFSP) 2021/2125 of 2 December 2021 implementing Decision 2012/642/CFSP concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Belarus (¹), and Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/2124 of 2 December 2021 implementing Article 8a(1) of Regulation (EC) No 765/2006 concerning restrictive measures in respect of Belarus (²) (the Contested Measures); and