

Case T-598/97 British Shoe Corporation Footwear Supplies Ltd and Others v Council of the European Union [2002] ECR II-1155

Facts: The applicants relied on Case C-358/89 *Extramet* [1991] ECR I-2501, contending that in deciding whether an applicant had standing, the most important consideration was whether a measure would have an adverse impact on a category of traders. This had to be analysed not in terms of whether the measure was legislative or not, but by reference to the applicant's circumstances.

Held: The Court of First Instance limited the effect of *Extramet*, stating that it was based on exceptional circumstances. The applicant in *Extramet* had clearly satisfied the test set out in *Plaumann v Commission* by being able to show that they were the largest importer of the product, that their business relied heavily on those imports, and that it stood to be seriously affected by the contested measure.