

Case C-241/95 The Queen v Intervention Board for Agricultural Produce, ex parte: Accrington Beef Co. Ltd and Others [1996] ECR I-6699

Facts: British producers of beef sought to annul a provision in a Commission regulation which provided for the application of a parent regulation regulating the import of frozen beef. This followed a refusal of national authorities to provide the applicants with tariff quotas. The UK government contended that following *TWD v Germany*, indirect challenges would be inadmissible as the action for annulment would be out of time.

Held: Since the contested provisions were addressed in general terms to abstract persons, it was not obvious that the Art. 263 action would have been admissible. The Court therefore conceded that a party had the right to challenge the validity of a Community provision in respect of which the time limit for bringing proceedings had expired where it was not certain that the applicant had standing to challenge the Community measure on the ground that it was a regulation of general application.