

**Case 11/70 Internationale Handelsgesellschaft (Solange I) [1970] ECR 01125**

**Facts:** The case concerned a conflict between German constitutional law and EU law on agricultural exports policy. The claimants argued that the EU standards on agricultural licensing system was a disproportionate violation of their right to conduct business under the German constitution. The German court made a preliminary reference to the CJEU, and asked the status of EU law where there is a conflict with national law.

**Held:** The Court re-affirmed the primacy of EU law: it held that the validity of EU law cannot be challenged by national law and measures but it can be challenged if EU law breached fundamental human rights. However, the Court noted that no fundamental right had been engaged here. Aside from an important case in the primacy of EU law jurisprudence, it is also an important case in the development of human rights in the EU, as the Court stated that ‘respect for fundamental rights forms an integral part of the general principles of law protected by the Court of Justice.’ [4]