

Case C-74/99

The Queen

v

Secretary of State for Health and Others,
ex parte Imperial Tobacco Ltd and Others

(Reference for a preliminary ruling
from the High Court of Justice of England and Wales,
Queen's Bench Division (Crown Office))

(Directive 98/43/EC — Advertising and sponsorship
of tobacco products — Validity)

Opinion of Advocate General Fennelly delivered on 15 June 2000 I-8600
Judgment of the Court, 5 October 2000 I-8601

Summary of the Judgment

Preliminary rulings — Jurisdiction of the Court — Assessment of the validity of a directive — Annulment of the directive in an action founded on Article 173 of the Treaty (now, after amendment, Article 230 EC) — No need to adjudicate