

Case T-256/97

Bureau Européen des Unions de Consommateurs (BEUC)

v

Commission of the European Communities

(Anti-dumping investigation — Consumers' association —
Refusal of recognition as interested party — Application for annulment —
Expiry of regulation imposing provisional anti-dumping duty —
Legal interest to proceed — No need to adjudicate)

Order of the Court of First Instance (Fifth Chamber, Extended Composition),
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Summary of the Order

Actions for annulment — Interest in bringing proceedings — Action contesting a decision which has already been implemented
(EC Treaty, Art. 173)

The legal interest of a consumers' association in maintaining an action for annulment of a Commission decision refusing to recognise it as an interested party for the purposes of an anti-dumping proceeding can continue to exist even when that decision has already

been implemented. The annulment of such a decision is capable, of itself, of having legal consequences and particularly that of preventing a repetition of the Commission's practice.