

Case T-82/00

BIC SA and Others

v

Council of the European Union

(Anti-dumping — Pocket lighters originating in Japan — Regulation repealing anti-dumping duties — Obligation to state reasons — Action for annulment)

Judgment of the Court of First Instance (Second Chamber, Extended Composition), 5 April 2001 II-1243

Summary of the Judgment

Acts of the institutions — Statement of reasons — Obligation — Scope (Arts 230 EC and 235 EC)

The statement of reasons required by Article 253 EC, which is an essential procedural requirement within the meaning of Article 230 EC, must be appropriate to the act at issue and must disclose in a clear and unequivocal fashion the reasoning followed by the institution which adopted the measure in question in such a way as to enable the persons concerned to ascertain the reasons for the measure and to enable the competent Community court to exercise its power of review. It is not necessary for the reasoning to go into all the relevant facts

and points of law, since the question whether the statement of reasons meets the requirements of Article 253 EC must be assessed with regard not only to its wording but also to its context and to all the legal rules governing the matter in question.

(see para. 24)