



Overview of Legal Case - As of April 2013

I. Regulations Challenged

- a. Main Seal Ban Regulation – EU 1007/2009 (main case for annulment)
- b. Implementing Regulation – EU 737/2010 (second case for annulment)

II. Plaintiffs

Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami – Canada

Inuit Circumpolar Council – Greenland
Nattivak Hunters and Trappers Association – Nunavut
Pangnirtung Hunters and Trappers Organization – Nunavut
Kalaallit Nunaanni Aalisartut Piniartullu Kattuffiat – KNAPK – Greenland
Six (6) individual Inuit Plaintiffs – Canada and Greenland

Fur Institute of Canada

Canadian Seal Marketing Group – Canada
Ta Ma Su Seal Products – Canada
Nu Tan Furs Incorporated – Canada
Northeast Coast Sealers Cooperative Society Ltd – Canada
Association des chasseurs de phoques des Iles-de-la-Madeleine – Magdalen Islands
William E. Scott and Son – Scotland
GC Reiber Skinn AS – Norway
Yavuz Group – Turkey

III. Plaintiff Legal Counsel

Stibbe Association d'avocats – Brussels, Belgium

IV. Legal Coordination for Inuit Organizations

Gowlings – Ottawa Canada

V. Defendants

European Parliament
Council of Europe
European Commission

VI. Intervenors for Defendants

Kingdom of the Netherlands

VII. Courts

- a. European Union General Court – Luxembourg
- b. European Court of Justice – Luxembourg (for Appeal process)

VIII. General Timeline

DATE	ACTIVITY
September 2009	EU adopts the main seal ban regulation EU 1007/2009
December 2009	Treaty of Lisbon adopted by EU
December 2009	Coordination among plaintiffs to seek legal action against the EU through broader admissibility rules of the Treaty
January 2010	Plaintiffs file application for the main case to annul the seal ban regulation EU 1007/2009
February 2010 and July 2010	Plaintiffs file two separate injunction applications to suspend the coming into force of the seal ban until the legal case has been concluded – the injunctions were not successful in suspending the seal ban from coming into force
August 2010	Implementing Regulation EU 737/2010 adopted by the European Commission
August 2010	Seal ban regulation EU 1007/2009 comes into force
November 2010	Plaintiffs submit second case to annul the implementing regulation EU 737/2010 to the EU General Court
September 2011	EU General Court dismisses main case to annul the main regulation 1007/2009 – application ruled inadmissible – the arguments of the case are not reviewed by the court
November 2011	Plaintiffs file an Appeal for the ruling by the EU General Court on the main case – application submitted to the European Court of Justice
October 2012	The EU General Court holds a hearing on the second case to annul the implementing regulation EU 737/2010 – decision on the case is pending
November 2012	The European Court of Justice holds a hearing on the Plaintiff Appeal case against the EU General Court's ruling to dismiss the main case on grounds of inadmissibility
January 2013	European Court of Justice Advocate General issues her non-binding opinion on the Appeal hearing of November 2012
April 25, 2013	EU General Court to hand down its ruling on the second case to annul the implementing regulation EU 737/2010