JUDGMENT OF THE COURT (Second Chamber)
14 February 1989 *

In Case 13/88

REFERENCE to the Court under Article 177 of the EEC Treaty by the Finanzgericht Rheinland-Pfalz (Finance Court of the Rhineland Palatinate) for a preliminary ruling in the proceedings before that court between

Knoeckel, Schmidt & Cie., Papierfabriken AG, a company incorporated under German law, whose registered office is at Lambrecht (Federal Republic of Germany),

and

Hauptzollamt (Principal Customs Office) **Landau**

on the interpretation of Council Regulation No 1009/86 of 25 March 1986 establishing general rules applying to production refunds in the cereals and rice sector (Official Journal 1986, L 94, p. 6), and on the validity of Commission Regulation No 2169/86 of 10 July 1986 laying down detailed rules for the control and payment of a production refund in the cereals and rice sector (Official Journal 1986, L 189, p. 12),

THE COURT (Second Chamber),

composed of T. F. O'Higgins, President of Chamber, G. F. Mancini and F. A. Schockweiler, Judges,

(the grounds of the judgment are not reproduced)

* Language of the case: German

in answer to the question referred to it by the Finanzgericht Rheinland-Pfalz, by order of 16 December 1987, hereby rules:

Article 4 (3) of Commission Regulation No 2169/86 of 10 July 1986 laying down detailed rules for the control and payment of the production refunds in the cereals and rice sector can validly make the grant of production refunds conditional on the presentation of a declaration by the manufacturer that the starch to be used has not been produced from a raw material other than maize, wheat, rice or potatoes.