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INTERIM MEASURES HEARING OF 30 SEPTEMBER - 1 OCTOBER IN CASE T-201/04 R

Microsoft Corporation v Commission of the European Communities

In a decision of 24th March 2004, the Commission found that Microsoft had infringed Community competition law by abusing its quasi-monopoly on the PC operating-systems market. The Commission concluded that this abuse would result in a restriction of competition on the markets for operating systems for servers and for media players. Microsoft were ordered to take corrective measures and fined EUR 497 million.

On 7th June, Microsoft lodged an appeal before the Court of First Instance requesting annulment of this decision or a substantial reduction in fine imposed.

On 25th June Microsoft requested the President of the Court of First Instance to suspend the operation of the decision.

The hearing in this case will be held on 30 September and 1 October, at 9:30am, in the "Grande Salle" of the Court.

Accreditation may be obtained from the Press and Information Division of the Court of Justice by returning the accompanying form no later than 12:00 CET on 24th September.

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