

**Case 11/82 Piraiki-Patraiki and others v Commission of the European Communities**  
**[1985] ECR 207**

**Facts:** The Commission had addressed a decision to France, allowing France to impose restrictions on the importation of cotton from Greece. At the time, some exporters in Greece had contracts pending. Exporters with pending contracts and exporters without pending contracts both applied to annul the decision.

**Held:** The court permitted applications of exporters with pending contracts and dismissed applications of exporters without pending contracts. The exporters with pending contracts were individually concerned because they were members of a closed class and because the Commission had a duty to take into account their situation imposed by a superior rule. The Commission had to investigate the negative effects of its decision on the economy of Greece as well as on the undertakings. Furthermore, the decision was of direct concern as the possibility that the French government would not make use of the authorisation was entirely theoretical.