

ECJ Data Codebook

Case Number (casenumber): The case number as assigned by the Court of Justice (e.g. C-440/93). Some rulings refer to joined cases. In such instances, we record only the first case number reported in the judgment in the *Reports of Cases Before the Court*.

Legal Issue ID (legalissueid): One legal issue is coded for each enumerated legal issue decided by the Court and summarized at the end of the Court's decision as reported in the *Reports of Cases Before the Court*.

Year: The year the case was disposed.

Type of Plaintiff (typeofplaintiff): An index variable that indicates the identity or identities of the plaintiff(s).

- (1) Private Litigant
- (2) National Government
- (3) Administrative Agency
- (4) Commission
- (5) European Parliament
- (6) Council of Ministers
- (50) Commission and Council
- (51) National Government and Agency
- (52) National Government and Private Actor
- (53) Multiple National Governments
- (54) More than one Council
- (55) Commission and European Parliament
- (56) Council, Commission, and European Parliament
- (57) Commission and other EU actor
- (58) National Government and EU Actor(s)
- (59) Commission and Private Litigant
- (95) European Court of Justice
- (96) Commission of the EAEC
- (97) High Authority of the ECSC
- (98) EEC
- (99) Other.

Type of Defendant (typeofdefendant): An index variable that indicates the identity or identities of the defendant(s).

- (1) Private Litigant
- (2) National Government
- (3) Administrative Agency

- (4) Commission
- (5) European Parliament
- (6) Council of Ministers
- (50) Commission and Council
- (51) National Government and Agency
- (52) National Government and Private Actor
- (53) Multiple National Governments
- (54) More than one Council
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- (95) European Court of Justice
- (96) Commission of the EAEC
- (97) High Authority of the ECSC
- (98) EEC
- (99) Other.

Treaty Basis of the Case (treatybasisofcase): The legal basis for the case, coded numerically to indicate one of the following bases [Amsterdam Treaty article numbering in brackets]:

- (1) article 169 [226]
- (2) article 170 [227]
- (3) article 171 [228]
- (4) article 172 [229]
- (5) article 173 [230]
- (6) article 175 [232]
- (7) article 177 [234]
- (8) article 178 [235]
- (9) article 179 [236]
- (10) annulments under article 33
- (20) Other.

Government Observations for the Plaintiff (govobspl): A count variable that totals the number of governments that made written observations on behalf of the plaintiff. Note that governments that are litigants are not included in this count.

Government Observations for the Defendant (govobsdef): A count variable that totals the number of governments that made written observations on behalf of the defendant. Note that governments that are litigants are not included in this count.

Commission Observation for the Plaintiff (commobspl): A dummy variable coded 1 if the Commission filed a written observation on behalf of the plaintiff and a

0 otherwise. Note that this variable takes a value of 0 if the Commission is a litigant in the case.

Commission Observation for the Defendant (commobsdef): A dummy variable coded 1 if the Commission filed a written observation on behalf of the defendant and a 0 otherwise. Note that this variable takes a value of 0 if the Commission is a litigant in the case.

ECJ Plaintiff Agreement (ecjplaintiffagree): A variable coded 1 if the ECJ decided the legal issue in favor of the plaintiff and a 0 otherwise. A missing value indicates that we could not identify whether the ECJ's position on that issue supported the plaintiff or not.