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INFORMATION NOTE

From: Legal Service
To: Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 1)
Subject: Case before the Court of Justice of the European Union
Case T-640/14 (Beul v Council and European Parliament)
- action for annulment

1. By application notified to the Council on 24 September 2014, the Applicant has asked the General Court to annul Regulation (EU) No 537/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 April 2014 on specific requirements regarding statutory audit of public-interest entities and repealing Commission Decision 2005/909/EC¹.
2. The Applicant is a natural person who is entitled to carry out statutory audits of public-interest entities. The Applicant considers that as a statutory auditor he is entitled to institute proceedings against Regulation (EU) No 537/2014 in accordance with Article 263 TFEU.
3. In support of his action for annulment, the Applicant argues that the contested Regulation violates principles of EU law and infringes his freedom to choose an occupation and to conduct a business pursuant to Articles 15 and 16 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union.
4. The Council is invited to submit a statement of defence, in accordance with Article 46(1) of the Rules of Procedure of the General Court, within two months from the notification of the application.

¹ OJ L 158, 27.5.2014, p. 77.

5. The Director-General of the Council Legal Service has appointed Ms Natacha ROUAM and Ms Rebekka WIEMANN, legal advisers in the Council Legal Service, as the Council's agents in case T-640/14.
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