

The European Court of Justice Dismisses the Commission's Appeal Against the CFI's Ruling in Tetra Laval

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On Tuesday 15 February, the European Court of Justice rejected the European Commission's appeal in the Tetra Laval case. The Court's ruling removes any remaining doubt that Tetra Laval will be able to hold on to its 2001 acquisition of Sidel, a French packaging equipment manufacturer. It is also a seminal judgment on the division of powers of the Commission and Courts in the area of EC merger control.

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