

Car Glass

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In 2008, the European Commission (“EC”) fined a number of car glass manufacturers a total of €1.3 billion for participating in a cartel that operated in the European Economic Area (“EEA”) between 1998 and 2003.

The Cartel

Among those companies named in the EC Decision as cartelists are Pilkington, Saint-Gobain, Asahi/AGC Flat Glass and Soliver. These cartelists controlled approximately 90% of the EEA car glass market. Through the coordination of pricing policies and supply strategies, the cartelists sought to secure the allocation of contracts concerning the supply of car glass to major car manufacturers in the EEA.

The scope of the cartel concerned the supply of car glass which was to be used in the first assembly or subsequent replacement by manufacturers of light vehicles; namely passenger cars and light commercial vehicles.

Our Actions

Hausfeld successfully brought proceedings on behalf of a number of European car manufacturers in the London High Court in 2014.

If your organisation purchased car glass to be used in first assembly or to be used as a replacement product between 1998 and 2003, then it can recover damages from the members of the cartel.

Supporting Documents

1. European Commission Press Release, 12 November 2008