

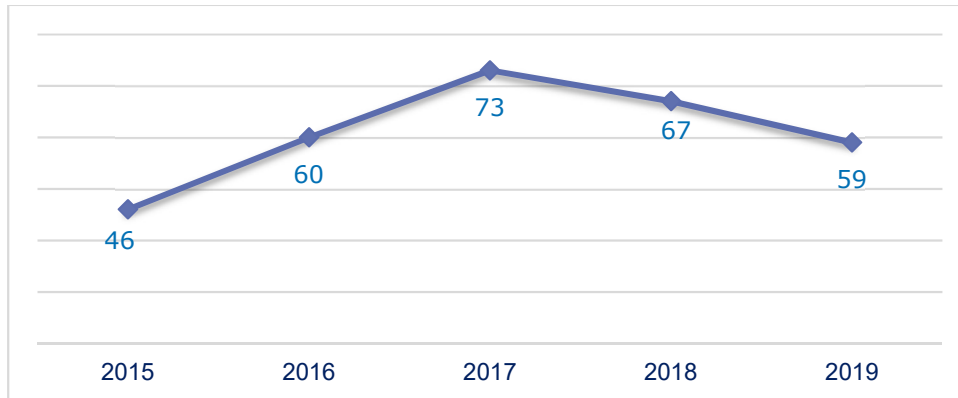
# CZECHIA

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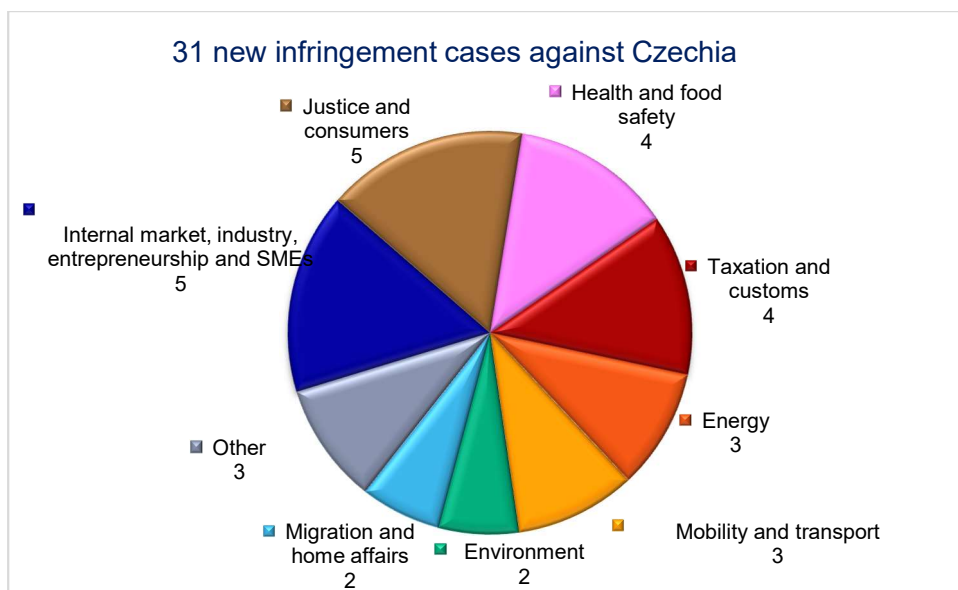
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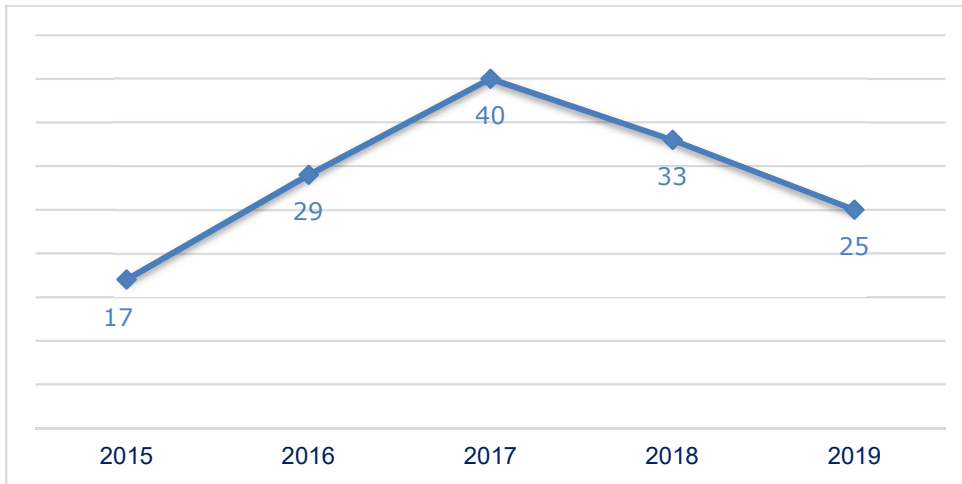
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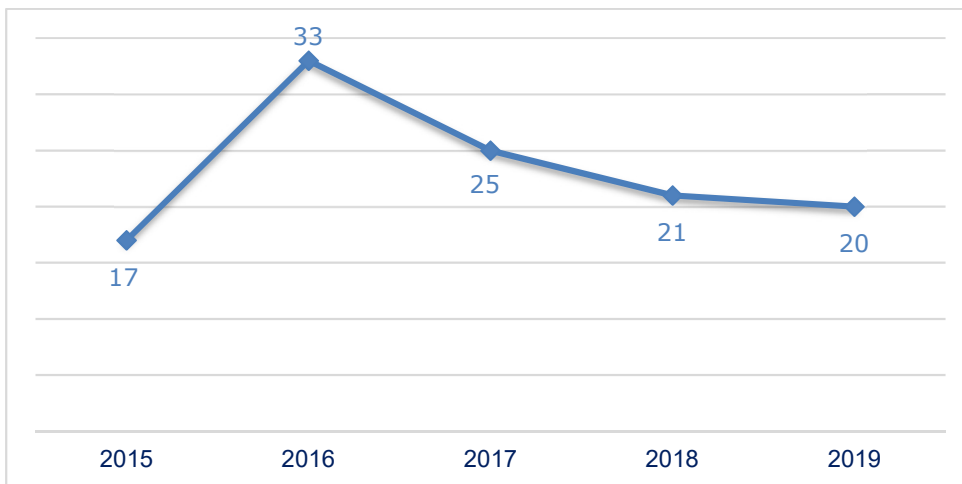
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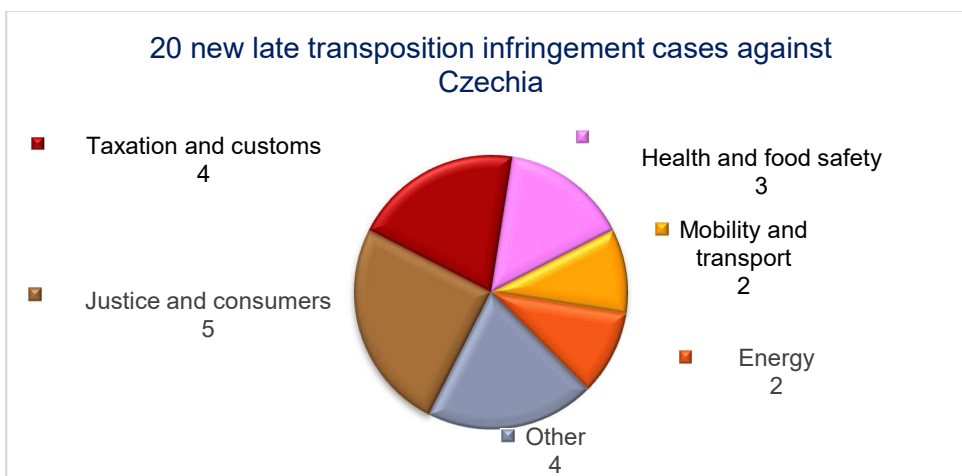
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## IMPORTANT JUDGMENTS

### Court rulings<sup>1</sup>

*The Court:*

- dismissed the Commission's action against *Czechia* concerning its refusal to ensure the take-back of 20 000 tonnes of a mixture called TPS-NOLO (Geobal) shipped from Czechia to Poland. The Court found that the Commission did not provide sufficient evidence that the respective mixture constitutes waste and, thus, that its shipment constitutes a shipment of waste<sup>2</sup>.

### Preliminary rulings

*The Court addressed the following preliminary rulings to the Czech judiciary:*

- The formal recognition of the status of refugee implies that the refugee concerned is a beneficiary of international protection for the purpose of the Qualification Directive so that he is entitled to all the rights and benefits provided for in this Directive. This Directive contains both rights equivalent to those set out in the Geneva Convention and rights providing greater protection which have no equivalent in that Convention<sup>3</sup>;
- Connecting flights that are the subject of a single reservation departing from a Member State to a non-Member State via another non-Member State: the air carrier of the first flight is, in principle, liable to pay compensation to passengers who suffered a long delay in the arrival of the second flight performed by a non-Community air carrier<sup>4</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> These rulings are almost exclusively handed down in infringement procedures.

<sup>2</sup> *Commission v Czech Republic*, Case [C-399/17](#) and Court press release [29/19](#).

<sup>3</sup> *M and Others*, Joined cases [C-391/16](#), [C-77/17](#) and [C-78/17](#).

<sup>4</sup> *České aerolinie*, Case [C-502/18](#) and Court press release [95/2019](#).