

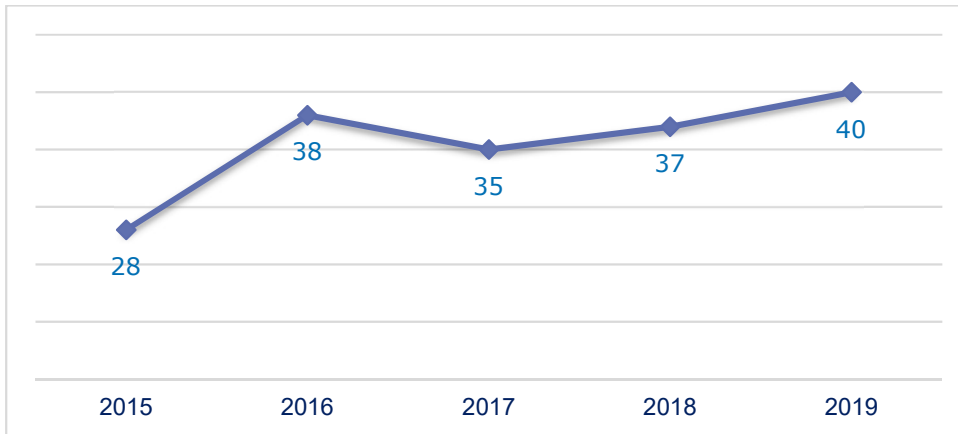
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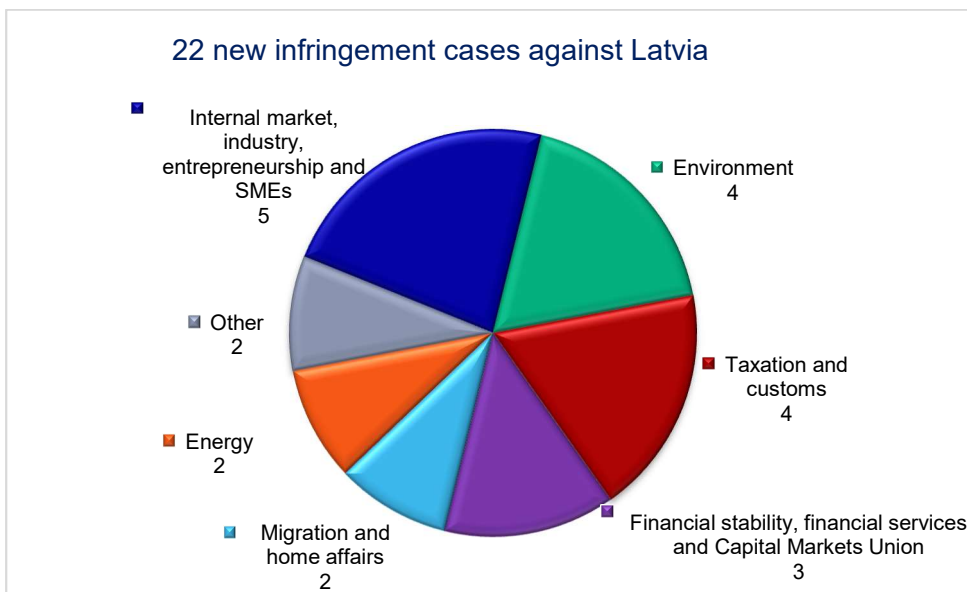
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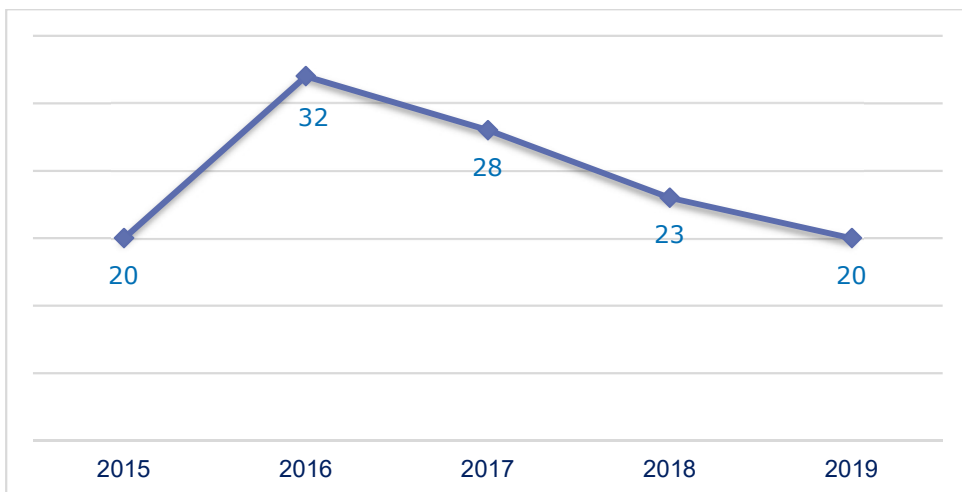
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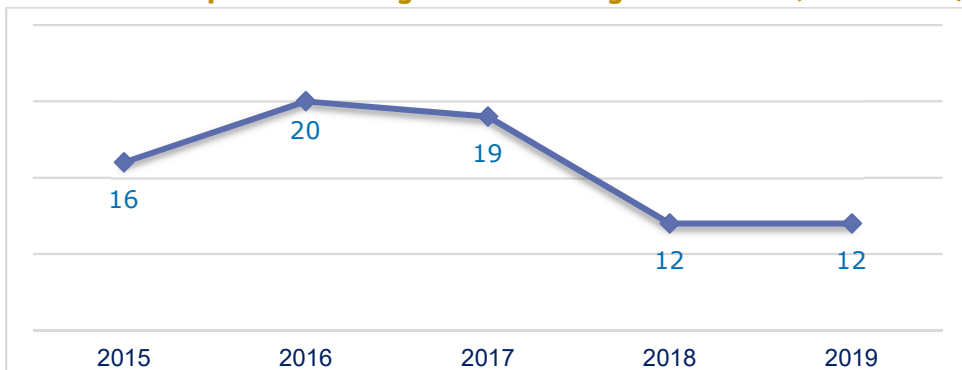
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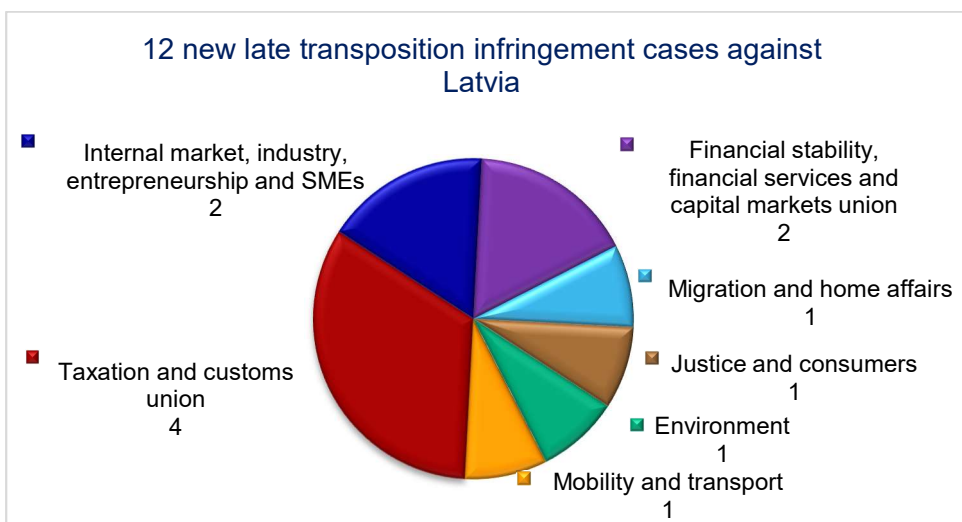
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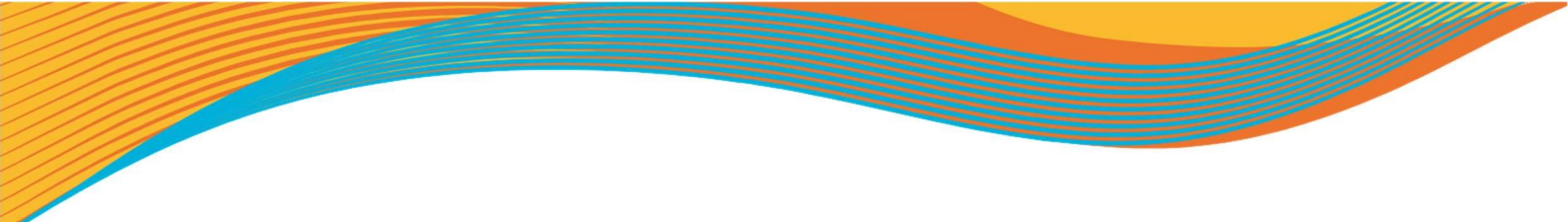
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IMPORTANT JUDGMENTS

Court rulings¹

¹ These rulings are almost exclusively handed down in infringement procedures.



There were no major Court rulings in 2019.

Preliminary rulings

The Court addressed the following preliminary rulings to the Latvian judiciary:

- recording of a video of police officers in a police station, while a statement is being made, and the publication of that video on a video website, on which users can send, watch and share videos, are covered by the EU rules on data protection. Further, such recording and such publication on a video website may constitute a processing of personal data solely for journalistic purposes².
- where the customs value of goods such as medicinal products is calculated by applying the deductive method (this is one of the methods used for calculating the customs value), the competent national customs administration must, in order to identify 'similar goods', take into account any relevant element. Such elements could be the respective composition of these goods, their substitutability with regard to their effects and their commercial interchangeability³.

² Buivids, [C-345/17](#).

³ SIA Oribalt Rīga v Valsts ieņēmumu dienests, [C-1/18](#).