

High court rebuffs foreign price-fixing suits

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In a close-watched antitrust case involving global drug companies, the Supreme Court ruled Monday that foreign customers cannot easily use U.S. courts or antitrust laws to sue the foreign firms over alleged price-fixing violations.

An attorney for the drug firms declined to comment. U.S. Chamber of Commerce attorney Roy Englert praised the ruling, saying it would halt an onrush of lawsuits by foreign plaintiffs. "We owe an obligation to other nations ... not to export our law all over the world," he said.

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Court: Foreign firms can't sue in US for global price fixing

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The Supreme Court ruled that foreign companies can't automatically press claims of international price fixing in US courts, a decision that sets a precedent for limiting foreigners' appeals to US laws.

Roy Englert, outside counsel for the US Chamber of Commerce, said in an interview yesterday the court's decision set an important precedent. While more liberal payouts, trials by jury, and a higher number of class-action suits make it advantageous for foreign plaintiffs to sue in the United States, American legal procedures could not be "exported" to other countries.

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