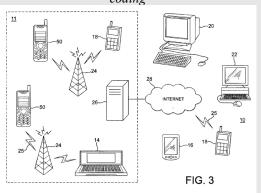
UPC Court of Appeal, 22 April 2025, Amazon v Nokia

method of motion compensated prediction in video coding



PATENT LAW - PROCEDURAL LAW

Appeal against an order rejecting the production of evidence devoid of purpose after withdrawal of infringement action and proceedings are closed (R. 360 RoP, Article 59 UPCA, R. 190 RoP)

• An appeal is devoid of purpose if there is no longer any reason to decide on it. As a result, the appeal has become devoid of purpose within the meaning of R. 360 RoP

Source: **Unified Patent Court**

UPC Court of Appeal, 22 April 2025

(Grabinski, Blok, Gougé) UPC_CoA_835/2024 APL_67638/2024 App_16448/2025

PROCEDURAL ORDER

of the Court of Appeal of the Unified Patent Court concerning a disposal of the main action pursuant to R. 360 RoP issued on 22 April 2025

APPELLANTS (DEFENDANTS IN THE MAIN PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE COURT OF FIRST INSTANCE)

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Appellant 2)
3. **Amazon.com, Inc.**, 410 Terry Avenue North, Seattle Washington 98109-5210, United States of America Appellant 3)

(hereinafter jointly: "Amazon")

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APPELLANTS (CLAIMANTS IN THE MAIN PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE COURT OF FIRST INSTANCE)

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PATENT AT ISSUE

EP 2 661 892

PANEL AND DECIDING JUDGES:

This decision was issued by Panel 1a with the participation of:

Klaus Grabinski, President of the Court of Appeal,

Peter Blok, legally qualified judge,

Emmanuel Gougé, judge-rapporteur and legally qualified judge

LANGUAGE OF PROCEEDINGS:

German

IMPUGNED ORDER OF THE COURT OF FIRST INSTANCE

 $\hfill\Box$ Order of the Munich Local Division of 16 December 2024

□ Reference numbers:

UPC CFI 399/2023

ACT_584119/2023

App_44089/2024

ORD 55998/2024

SUMMARY OF FACTS

- 1. On 16 December 2024, the Munich Local Division of the Court of First Instance, in the context of a patent infringement proceeding (ACT_584119/2023 UPC_CFI_399/2023), rejected Amazon's request under **Art. 59 UPCA** and **R. 190 RoP** for the disclosure of an unredacted version of certain documents and information held by Nokia (impugned order, ORD 55998/2024).
- 2. By written submission dated 30 December 2024, Amazon filed an appeal against the impugned order under **R. 220.1 RoP** and set out the grounds in support thereof.
- 3. Nokia filed its Statement of response on 11 February 2025, following a procedural order which granted a deadline extension following a corresponding agreement between the Parties.
- 4. The oral hearing was held on 26 March 2025.
- 5. On 9 April 2025, at Nokia's request and with Amazon's consent, the Munich Local Division of the Court of First Instance permitted the withdrawal of the action on the merits pursuant to **R. 265.1 RoP** and declared the proceedings closed (ORD 16128/2025).
- 6. In a statement dated 4 April 2025, Amazon informed the Court of Appeal that the Parties had reached an out-of-court settlement and that no applications for costs would be filed. Amazon assumed that the present appeal was ipso jure settled with the expected admission of the withdrawal of the action by the Court of First Instance. However, in case the Court of Appeal considers it necessary to withdraw the appeal, Amazon requests that the withdrawal of the appeal be allowed. Nokia submitted its comments in submissions filed on 15 April 2025.

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Appellant 1)

GROUNDS FOR THE ORDER

- 7. The Court of Appeal dismisses the appeal by applying **R. 360 RoP** accordingly.
- 8. Pursuant to **R. 360 RoP**, the Court may at any time, on the application of a party or of its own motion, after giving the parties an opportunity to be heard, dispose of the action by way of order if it finds that an action has become devoid of purpose and that there is no longer any need to adjudicate on it.
- 9. R. 360 RoP applies not only if the action itself has become devoid of purpose, but also if the appeal has become devoid of purpose. If the Appellant no longer has a legal interest in lodging the appeal, there is no longer any reason to decide on it. As a result, the appeal has become devoid of purpose within the meaning of R. 360 RoP (order of the Court of Appeal of 9 January 2025, EOFlow Co., Ltd v. Insulet Corporation, UPC CoA 584/2024, APL 54646/2024).
- 10. In the present case, the appeal against the order of the Munich Local Division of 16 December 2024 on a request to produce evidence pursuant to Art. 59 UPCA and R. 190 RoP has become devoid of purpose after the withdrawal of the infringement action was permitted and the infringement proceedings were declared closed.
- 11. It follows that there is no longer any need to decide on the application under **R. 265 RoP** and that the appeal must be disposed pursuant to **R. 360 RoP**.

ORDER

The appeal APL_67638/2024 UPC_CoA_835/2024 is dismissed.

This Order was issued on 22 April 2025.

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