



Judgment of the General Court of 12 March 2025 – Lidl v EUIPO – Liquidleds Lighting (LED light bulbs)

(Case T-66/24) ⁽¹⁾

(Community design – Invalidity proceedings – Registered Community design representing a LED light bulb – Disclosure of the earlier design not taken into account – Article 7(2) of Regulation (EC) No 6/2002 – Requirements – Burden of proof)

(C/2025/2384)

Language of the case: English

Parties

Applicant: Lidl Vertriebs GmbH & Co. KG (Anzing, Germany) (represented by: T. Dolde, C. Zimmer and M. Hawkins, lawyers)

Defendant: European Union Intellectual Property Office (represented by: D. Gája, acting as Agent)

Other party to the proceedings before the Board of Appeal of EUIPO, intervener before the General Court: Liquidleds Lighting Corp. (Taipei, Taiwan) (represented by: S. Beckmann, lawyer)

Re:

By its action under Article 263 TFEU, the applicant seeks the annulment of the decision of the Third Board of Appeal of the European Union Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO) of 27 November 2023 (Case R 2336/2022-3).

Operative part of the judgment

The Court:

1. Dismisses the action;
2. Orders Lidl Vertriebs GmbH & Co. KG to pay the costs.

⁽¹⁾ OJ C C/2024/2321, 2.4.2024.