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Earlier this summer, the Supreme Court held that the Patent Act's damages provision, 35 U.S.C. 284, allowed a patent holder to recover foreign lost profits when patent infringement liability is based on 35 U.S.C. 271(f)(2). *WesternGeco LLC v. ION Geophysical Corp.*, 138 S. Ct. 2129 (2018).

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