

Patentability of software in Italy & partial recovery of profits (infringement of patents on marginal aspects of a product)

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By judgement of January 3rd, 2017, the Turin Court of Appeal delivered a monumental decision in a longstanding patent dispute concerning the validity and infringement of patents relating to an Electronic Program Guide (EPG) for digital and satellite television. The patented technology related to a system for selecting television channels, to be implemented in televisions, decoders or other devices suitable to receive an analog or digital television signal. In the case at issue, the relevant devices were television digital decoders.

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