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Signs that consist exclusively of the shape which gives substantial value to the goods are excluded from protection as a trade mark under current EU trade mark law. This provision is found in art.3(1)(e) Trade Marks Harmonisation Directive and a similar provision appears in the Community Trade Mark Regulation. The author argues that this rule results in a lot of uncertainty and suffers from lack of clarity and a legally convincing basis. Prejudicial questions are pending before the Court of Justice of the EU asking for clarification. The author opines that this rule should be abolished. The Max Planck Study suggests the same, but in the latest proposals for revision of the EU trade mark system the rule continues to appear.

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The recent *GEMA v RapidShare* judgment is only the second decision of the German Federal Supreme Court (Bundesgerichtshof—BGH) regarding the liability of online file hosting providers for copyright infringements. The decision is noteworthy because while the BGH applied standards set out by the Court of Justice (CJEU), it considerably broadened the scope of potential monitoring obligations that hosting providers must comply with in order to avoid liability. In particular, the BGH held that RapidShare ought to have monitored third-party websites as well as general search engines and social network sites, because the provider facilitates infringing activities of its users. This comment provides a brief outline of the EU legal framework and the relevant case law of the CJEU regarding the liability of online intermediaries for third-party infringements. Against that background, the German *GEMA v RapidShare* judgment is discussed and its implications for hosting services as well as its compatibility with CJEU case law will be critically analysed. This analysis will reveal that in *GEMA v RapidShare*, the BGH considerably raised the stakes by imposing far-reaching obligations on the file hosting provider at issue. In the wider context, the judgment may however be interpreted as a "one-off decision" based on extraordinary facts.

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