



IN THE COMPETITION
APPEAL TRIBUNAL

Case Nos: 1437/7/7/22
1529/7/7/22
1530/7/7/22
1531/7/7/22
1592/7/7/23

BETWEEN:

ELISABETTA SCIAL LIS

Proposed Class Representative

- v -

(1) FENDER MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS EUROPE LIMITED

(2) FENDER MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS CORPORATION

- and -

(1) KORG (UK) LIMITED

(2) KORG INC.

- and -

(1) ROLAND EUROPE GROUP LIMITED

(2) ROLAND CORPORATION

- and -

(1) YAMAHA MUSIC EUROPE GMBH

(2) YAMAHA CORPORATION

- and -

(1) CASIO ELECTRONICS CO. LIMITED

Proposed Defendants

ORDER (DIRECTIONS FURTHER TO CMC)

UPON hearing the submissions of the Proposed Class Representative (**PCR**) and the Proposed Defendants at the case management conference (**CMC**) held on 19 March 2026

AND UPON reading Fender's proposal in its skeleton argument filed prior to the CMC for the listing of a preliminary hearing to determine the adequacy of the PCR's funding, insurance and legal representation (the **Preliminary Hearing**)

AND UPON the PCR's confirmation that Casio Computer Co., Limited was not served in Case No. 1592/7/7/23 and the parties' agreement that no application is needed to remove it as a Proposed Defendant

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

FORUM

1. Pursuant to Rules 18, 52 and 74 of the Competition Appeal Tribunal Rules 2015 the proposed collective proceedings be treated as proceedings in England and Wales.

CONFIDENTIALITY RING

2. By 4pm on 20 March 2026, the parties shall file with the Tribunal an agreed draft confidentiality ring order to include the external legal advisors of both the PCR and the Proposed Defendants.
3. By 4pm on 27 March 2026, the PCR shall disclose into the confidentiality ring established under paragraph 2 above:
 - (a) full copies of her after-the-event (**ATE**) insurance policies in respect of each of the above-numbered proposed collective proceedings; and
 - (b) confirmation with evidence that all insurance premia have been paid.

Any redactions must be minimal and in each case fully explained.

PRELIMINARY HEARING

4. A Preliminary Hearing shall be listed on the first available date after 5 June 2026, to determine the adequacy of the PCR's funding, insurance and legal representation for the purposes of certification of the proposed collective proceedings.
5. By 4pm on 1 May 2026, the PCR shall file and serve written evidence, providing detailed explanations of:
 - (a) any funding arrangements she currently has in place concerning each of the above-numbered proposed collective proceedings;
 - (b) any ATE insurance arrangements currently in place concerning each of the above-numbered proposed collective proceedings, together with details of the timing and amount of any insurance premia payments, and details of any anti-avoidance provisions agreed; and
 - (c) the position as to her current legal representation and any expected changes to that legal representation going forward, including an explanation of the ability of the PCR's legal representatives to handle multiple claims of the complexity presented by the present claims;

together with full supporting evidence.

6. By 4pm on 11 May 2026, the Proposed Defendants shall file with the Tribunal any applications to cross-examine the PCR on the basis of the evidence filed under paragraph 5 above.
7. By 4pm on 18 May 2026, the PCR shall indicate to the Tribunal whether she objects to any application filed under paragraph 6 above, and if so the reasons for her objection.
8. By 4pm on the date two weeks before the date of the Preliminary Hearing, the parties shall file with the Tribunal a draft agreed agenda for the Preliminary Hearing.
9. By 4pm on the date one week before the date of the Preliminary Hearing, the parties shall file and serve skeleton arguments for the Preliminary Hearing.
10. By 4pm on the date one day following the filing of skeleton arguments under paragraph 9 above, the parties shall file bundles for the Preliminary Hearing with the Tribunal.

COSTS

11. The costs of the CMC are reserved.

The Honourable Mrs Justice Bacon
President of the Competition Appeal Tribunal

Made: 19 March 2026
Drawn: 20 March 2026