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(54) **Domestic appliance with external water supply**

(57) The invention relates to a domestic appliance (1) for textiles, especially to a dryer or a washing machine. To improve the possibility to carry out a steam treatment of the textiles the invention suggests that the domestic appliance (1) is equipped with a steam unit (2) for applying water steam, especially hot or superheated steam, to the textiles, wherein a water supply unit (3) is provided in and/or at the domestic appliance (1) for receiving water destined for the steam unit (2) and for forwarding this water (4) to the steam unit (2), and wherein the water supply unit (3) is designed to be connected to an external water source (4), especially a public water supply (4).

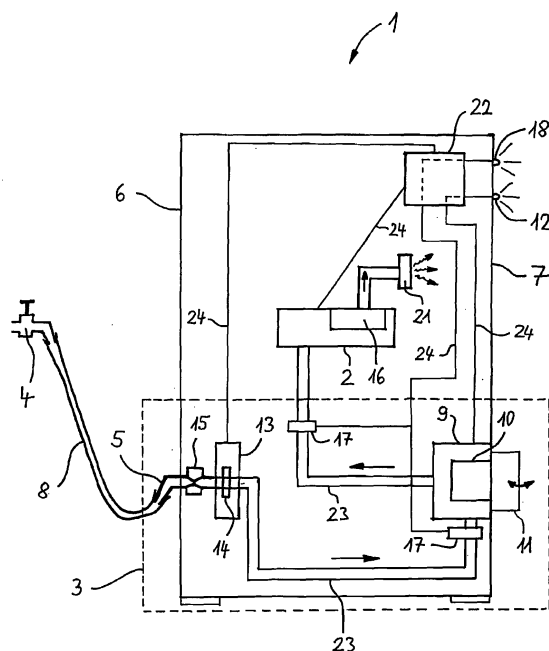


FIG 1



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1. claims: 1-10(completely); 11-25(partially)

A domestic appliance equipped with: a water supply unit comprising a filter-cartridge and a filter-cartridge-exchange-signal-device

2. claims: 11-25(partially)

A domestic appliance equipped with: a switching device and/or control unit of a water supply unit, for regulating and/or interrupting water supply from the external water source"

3. claims: 13-25(partially)

A domestic appliance equipped with: a water-volume-flow-control-unit of a water supply unit

4. claims: 19-25(partially)

A domestic appliance equipped with: means for preventing the activation and/or operation of the steam unit, if no or not enough water is forwarded to the steam unit

5. claims: 22-25(partially)

A domestic appliance equipped with:a water reservoir for receiving water for the steam unit.

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