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**Application Number:** 01000525.4

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**IPC:** H03M13/25, H04L1/00, H04L27/34

**Language of the proceedings:** EN

**Title of invention:**  
Method and apparatus for processing modulation symbols for soft  
input decoders

**Applicant:**  
Texas Instruments Incorporated

**Headword:**

**Relevant legal provisions:**  
EPC Art. 108  
EPC R. 99(2), 101(1)

**Keyword:**  
Admissibility of appeal - missing statement of grounds

**Decisions cited:**



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**D E C I S I O N**  
**of Technical Board of Appeal 3.5.07**  
**of 24 November 2020**

**Appellant:** Texas Instruments Incorporated  
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**Decision under appeal:** Decision of the Examining Division of the  
European Patent Office posted on 6 November 2019  
refusing European patent application No.  
01000525.4 pursuant to Article 97(2) EPC.

**Composition of the Board:**

**Chair** J. Geschwind  
**Members:** R. de Man  
C. Barel-Faucheux

### **Summary of Facts and Submissions**

- I. The appeal is directed against the decision of the examining division posted on 6 November 2019, to refuse European patent application No. 01 000 525.4.
- II. The appellant filed a notice of appeal on 16 January 2020 and paid the appeal fee on the same day.
- III. By communication of 13 July 2020, receipt of which was confirmed by the appellant, the Registry of the Board informed the appellant that it appeared from the file that the written statement of grounds of appeal had not been filed, and that it was therefore to be expected that the appeal would be rejected as inadmissible pursuant to Article 108, third sentence, EPC in conjunction with Rule 101(1) EPC. The appellant was informed that any observations had to be filed within two months of notification of the communication.
- IV. No reply was received.

### **Reasons for the Decision**

No written statement of grounds of appeal was filed within the time limit provided by Article 108, third sentence, EPC in conjunction with Rule 126(2) EPC. In addition, neither the notice of appeal nor any other document filed contains anything that could be regarded as a statement of grounds pursuant to Article 108 EPC and Rule 99(2) EPC. Therefore, the appeal has to be rejected as inadmissible (Rule 101(1) EPC).

## Order

### For these reasons it is decided that:

The appeal is rejected as inadmissible.

The Registrar:

The Chair:



S. Lichtenvort

J. Geschwind

Decision electronically authenticated