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**Datasheet for the decision
of 13 April 2026**

Case Number: T 1331/25 - 3.3.03

Application Number: 18755345.8

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Title of invention:

WATER-BASED PRESSURE SENSITIVE ADHESIVE COMPOSITIONS AND
METHODS OF MAKING SAME

Patent Proprietor:

Rohm and Haas Company

Opponent:

ARKEMA FRANCE

Relevant legal provisions:

EPC Art. 108

EPC R. 99(2), 101(1), 127(2)

Keyword:

Admissibility of appeal - missing statement of grounds



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D E C I S I O N
of Technical Board of Appeal 3.3.03
of 13 April 2026

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Decision under appeal: **Decision of the Opposition Division of the
European Patent Office posted/electronically
transmitted on 18 September 2025 revoking
European patent No. 3679104 pursuant to Article
101(3) (b) EPC.**

Composition of the Board:

Chairman D. Semino
Members: D. Marquis
W. Ungler

Summary of Facts and Submissions

- I. The appeal of the patent proprietor lies from the decision of the opposition division dated 18 September 2025 revoking European patent No 3 679 104.
- II. The patent proprietor (appellant) filed a notice of appeal on 17 November 2025 and paid the appeal fee on the same day.
- III. No statement of grounds was received within the time limit provided by Article 108, third sentence, EPC.
- IV. By communication of 28 January 2026, delivered by means of electronic mailbox notification, 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.
- V. No reply was received within the given time limit.

Reasons for the Decision

1. No written statement of grounds of appeal was filed within the time limit provided by Article 108, third sentence, EPC in conjunction with Rule 127(2) EPC.
2. 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.

3. 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 Chairman:



D. Hampe

D. Semino

Decision electronically authenticated