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of 14 May 1996

Case Number: T 0129/96 - 3.3.1

Application Number: 90909761.0

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Title of invention:
Bar stamping

Applicant:
UNILEVER PLC, et al

Opponent:
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Headword:
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Relevant legal provisions:
EPC Art. 108, 65(1)

Keyword:
"Missing Statement of Grounds"

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DECISION
of the Technical Board of Appeal 3.3.1
of 14 May 1996

Appellant: UNILEVER PLC
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Decision under appeal: Decision of the Examining Division of the European
Patent Office posted 5 September 1995 refusing
European patent application No. 90 909 761.0
pursuant to Article 97(1) EPC.

Composition of the Board:

Chairman: A. J. Nuss
Members: P. P. Bracke
S. C. Perryman

Summary of Facts and Submissions

- I. The appeal contests the decision of the Examining Division of the European Patent Office of 30 August 1995, refusing the European patent application No. 90 909 761. The written reasons for the decision were dispatched by registered letter with advice of delivery to the Applicant on 5 September 1995. The Appellant filed a Notice of Appeal by a letter received on 1 November 1995 and paid the fee for appeal on the same day. No Statement of Grounds was filed. The Notice of Appeal contains nothing that could be regarded as a Statement of Grounds pursuant to Article 108 EPC.

- II. By a communication dated 23 February 1996, sent by registered letter with advice of delivery, the Registry of the Board informed the Appellant that no Statement of Grounds had been filed and that the appeal could be expected to be rejected as inadmissible. The Appellant was invited to file observations within two months.

- III. The Appellant filed no observations in response to said communication.

Reasons for the Decision

As no written statement setting out the grounds of appeal has been filed, the appeal has to be rejected as inadmissible (Article 108 EPC in conjunction with Rule 65(1) EPC).

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Order

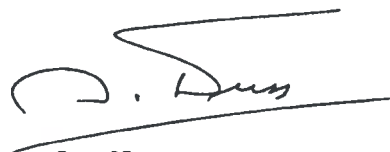
For these reasons it is decided that:

The appeal is rejected as inadmissible.

The Registrar:


E. Gorgmaier

The Chairman:


A. Nuss

