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D E C I S I O N
of 30 July 1996

Case Number: T 0388/96 - 3.3.1
Application Number: 93301424.3
Publication Number: 0558324
IPC: D21H 27/26
Language of the proceedings: EN

Title of invention:
Producing coloured decorative paper and decorative laminates
therefrom

Applicant:
THE MEAD CORPORATION

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

Keyword:
"Missing statement of grounds"

Decisions cited:
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Catchword:
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D E C I S I O N
of the Technical Board of Appeal 3.3.1
of 30 July 1996

Appellant:

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Decision under appeal:

Decision of the Examining Division of the European
Patent Office posted 30 November 1995 refusing
European patent application No. 93 301 424.3
pursuant to Article 97(1) EPC.

Composition of the Board:

Chairman: A. J. Nuss
Members: P. Krasa
W. Moser

Summary of Facts and Submissions

- I. The appeal contests the decision of the Examining Division of the European Patent Office posted 30 November 1995 refusing the European patent application No. 93 301 424.3. The appellant filed a Notice of Appeal by a letter received on 30 January 1996 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 14 May 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 observation 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).

Order

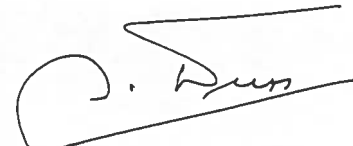
For these reasons it is decided that:

The appeal is rejected as inadmissible.

The Registrar:


E. Gorgmaler

The Chairman:


A. Nuss

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