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Case Number: T 0757/96 - 3.3.3

Application Number: 91307827.5

Publication Number: 0474418

IPC: C08G63/20

Language of the proceedings: EN

Title of invention:

Polyester copolymer fiber having enhanced strength and dyeability properties

Patentee:

HOECHST CELANESE CORPORATION

Opponent:

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Headword:

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Relevant legal provisions:

EPC Art. 108, Rule 65(1)

Keyword:

"Missing Statement of Grounds"

Decisions cited:

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D E C I S I O N
of the Technical Board of Appeal 3.3.3
of 12 November 1996

Appellant:

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Decision under appeal:

Decision of the Examining Division of the
European Patent Office posted 14 March 1996
refusing European patent application
No. 91 307 827.5 pursuant to Article 97(1) EPC.

Composition of the Board:

Chairman: C. R. J. Gérardin
Members: B. L. Ter Laan
J. A. Stephens-Ofner

Summary of Facts and Submissions

- I. The appeal contests the decision of the Examining Division of the European Patent Office posted 14 March 1996 refusing the European patent application No. 91 307 827.5. The Appellant filed a Notice of Appeal by a letter received on 13 May 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 29 August 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).

Order

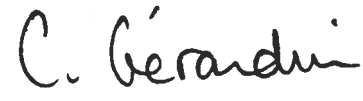
For these reasons it is decided that:

The appeal is rejected as inadmissible.

The Registrar:


E. Görgmaier

The Chairman:


C. Gérardin