Datasheet for the decision
of 23 August 2011

Case Number: T 0481/11 - 3.2.03
Application Number: 05711012.4
Publication Number: 1713988
IPC: E04H 6/00
Language of the proceedings: EN

Title of invention:
A module kit for a mountable and lockable storage container, a container and a cover lock device for said container

Applicant:
CESIUM AB

Headword:
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Relevant legal provisions:
EPC Art. 108
EPC R. 101(1)

Keyword:
"Missing statement of grounds"

Decisions cited:
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Catchword:
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DECISION
of the Technical Board of Appeal 3.2.03
of 23 August 2011

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Decision under appeal: Decision of the Examining Division of the European Patent Office posted 15 September 2010 refusing European patent application No. 05711012.4 pursuant to Article 97(1) EPC.

Composition of the Board:
Chairman: U. Krause
Members: E. Frank
          K. Garnett
Summary of Facts and Submissions

I. The appeal contests the decision of the Examining Division of the European Patent Office dated 15 September 2010 refusing the European Patent application No. 05 711 012.4.

The appellant (applicant) filed a notice of appeal on 19 November 2010 and paid the fee for appeal on the same day.

However no statement of grounds of appeal has been filed within the time limit for doing so, nor did the notice of appeal contain anything that might be considered as such statement.

II. By a communication dated 7 March 2011 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, as a consequence, it was expected that the appeal would be rejected as inadmissible.

The appellant was also given a time limit of two months for filing observations starting from the date of notification of said communication.

III. The communication was notified on 11 March 2011. No observations were filed within the given time limit.
Reasons for the Decision

1. According to Article 108 EPC, a statement setting out the grounds of appeal shall be filed within four months of notification of the decision.

2. If the appeal does not comply with Article 108 EPC, the appeal must be rejected as inadmissible (Rule 101(1) EPC). In the present case, no statement of grounds has been filed and consequently the appeal is rejected as inadmissible.

Order

For these reasons it is decided that:

The appeal is rejected as inadmissible.

The Registrar: The Chairman:

M. Kiehl U. Krause