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VOLUME HOLOGRAM LAMINATE AND LABEL FOR PREPARING VOLUME HOLOGRAM LAMINATE

Patent Proprietor:
DAI NIPPON PRINTING CO., LTD.

Opponent:
Bundesdruckerei GmbH

Headword:

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

Keyword:
"Appeal inadmissible - no statement of the grounds of appeal"

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DECISION
of Technical Board of Appeal 3.4.03
of 22 September 2014

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Decision under appeal: Interlocutory decision of the Opposition
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Composition of the Board:
Chairman G. Eliasson
Members: V. Frank
T. Bokor
Summary of Facts and Submissions

I. This is an appeal against the interlocutory decision of the opposition division posted on 10 January 2014.

II. The appellant opponent filed a notice of appeal on 10 March 2014 and paid the appeal fee on the same day. No separate statement of grounds of appeal was filed.

III. By communication of 13 June 2014 sent by registered letter with advice of delivery, the appellant opponent was informed that no statement of grounds of appeal had 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 invited to file observations within two months of notification of the communication. A copy of the communication was sent to the respondent proprietor on the same day for information.

IV. No reply was received. No request for re-establishment of rights was filed.

Reasons for the Decision

As no written statement setting out the grounds of appeal has been filed and as the notice of appeal does not contain anything that could be regarded as a statement of grounds of appeal according to Article 108, third sentence, EPC, the appeal has to be rejected as inadmissible (Article 108 EPC in conjunction with Rule 101(1) EPC).
Order

For these reasons it is decided that:

The appeal is rejected as inadmissible.

The Registrar: The Chairman:

S. Sánchez Chiquero G. Eliasson

Decision electronically authenticated