Datasheet for the decision
of 11 February 2019

Case Number: T 1927/18 - 3.3.10
Application Number: 11798222.3
Publication Number: 2586761
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Language of the proceedings: EN

Title of invention:
METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING 2,3,3,3-TETRAFLUOROPROPENE

Patent Proprietor:
AGC Inc.

Opponent:
ARKEMA FRANCE

Headword:

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

Keyword:
Admissibility of appeal - statement of grounds (not filed)
Decisions cited:

Catchword:
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DECISION of Technical Board of Appeal 3.3.10 of 11 February 2019

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Decision under appeal: Decision of the Opposition Division of the European Patent Office posted on 6 June 2018 rejecting the opposition filed against European patent No. 2586761 pursuant to Article 101(2) EPC.
Composition of the Board:

Chairman: P. Gryczka
Members: R. Pérez Carlón
         F. Blumer
Summary of Facts and Submissions

I. The appeal is directed against the decision of the Opposition Division of 20 April 2018, posted on 6 June 2018.

II. The appellant filed a notice of appeal on 25 July 2018 and paid the appeal fee on the same day.

III. By communication of 2 November 2018, received by the appellant, the Registry of the Board informed the appellant that it appeared from the file that the written statement of grounds of appeal had not 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 informed that any observations had to be filed within two months of notification of the communication.

IV. No reply was received.

Reasons for the Decision

No written statement setting out the grounds of appeal was filed within the time limit provided by Article 108, third sentence, EPC in conjunction with Rule 126(2) EPC. In addition, neither the notice of appeal nor any other document filed contains anything that could be regarded as a statement of grounds pursuant to Article 108 EPC and Rule 99(2) EPC. Therefore, the appeal has to be rejected as inadmissible (Rule 101(1) EPC).
Order

For these reasons it is decided that:

The appeal is rejected as inadmissible.

The Registrar: The Chairman:

C. Rodríguez Rodríguez P. Gryczka

Decision electronically authenticated