

Internal distribution code:

- (A) [] Publication in OJ
(B) [] To Chairmen and Members
(C) [X] To Chairmen

D E C I S I O N
of 20 October 2000

Case Number: T 0754/00 - 3.3.3

Application Number: 96920971.7

Publication Number: 0833867

IPC: C08L 63/00

Language of the proceedings: EN

Title of invention:
Curable Compositions

Applicant:
Ciba Specialty Chemicals Holding Inc.

Opponent:
-

Headword:
-

Relevant legal provisions:
EPC Art. 108
EPC R. 65(1)

Keyword:
"Missing Statement of Grounds"

Decisions cited:
-

Catchword:
-



Europäisches
Patentamt

European
Patent Office

Office européen
des brevets

Beschwerdekammern

Boards of Appeal

Chambres de recours

Case Number: T 0754/00 - 3.3.3

D E C I S I O N
of the Technical Board of Appeal 3.3.3
of 20 October 2000

Appellant: Ciba Specialty Chemicals Holding Inc.
Klybeckstrasse 141
CH-4057 Basel (CH)

Representative: -

Decision under appeal: Decision of the Examining Division of the
European Patent Office posted 10 February 2000
refusing European patent application
No. 96 920 971.7 pursuant to Article 97(1) EPC.

Composition of the Board:

Chairman: C. R. J. Gérardin
Members: C. G. Idez
J. C. M. De Preter

Summary of Facts and Submissions

- I. The appeal contests the decision of the Examining Division of the European Patent Office posted 10 February 2000 refusing the European patent application No. 96 920 971.7.

The Appellant filed a Notice of Appeal by letter received on 31 March 2000 and paid the fee for appeal on the same date. 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 communications dated 28 July 2000 and 1 August 2000, sent by registered letter with advice of delivery, the Registry of the Board informed the Appellant that no Statement of Grounds has been filed and that the appeal could be expected to be rejected as inadmissible. The Appellant was given the opportunity of filing observations within two months and attention was drawn to Article 122 EPC.

- III. No answer was given within the given time limit to the Registry's 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:

The Chairman:

E. Görgmaier

C. Gérardin