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**D E C I S I O N**  
**of 9 January 2001**

**Case Number:** T 1013/00 - 3.3.3

**Application Number:** 95912859.6

**Publication Number:** 0756608

**IPC:** C08G 63/08

**Language of the proceedings:** EN

**Title of invention:**  
Easily degradable star-block copolymers

**Applicant:**  
E.I. DU PONT DE NEMOURS AND COMPANY

**Opponent:**  
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**Headword:**  
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**Relevant legal provisions:**  
EPC Art. 108  
EPC R. 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 9 January 2001**

**Appellant:**

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**Decision under appeal:**

**Decision of the Examining Division of the  
European Patent Office posted 3 May 2000 refusing  
European patent application No. 95 912 859.6  
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 3 May 2000 refusing the European patent No. 95 912 859.6.

The Appellant filed a Notice of Appeal by letter received on 12 July 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 a communication dated 18 October 2000 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 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