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of 14 February 2002

Case Number: T 1214/01 - 3.5.2

Application Number: 96201470.0

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Title of invention:

A keytop sheet for a push-button switch

Applicant:

Teikoku Tsushin Kogyo Co. Ltd.

Opponent:

Headword:

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Relevant legal provisions:

EPC Art. 108

EPC R. 65(1)

Keyword:

"Statement of Grounds not filed"

Decisions cited:

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D E C I S I O N
of the Technical Board of Appeal 3.5.2
of 14 February 2002

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Decision under appeal: **Decision of the Examining Division of the
European Patent Office posted 12 July 2001
refusing European patent application
No. 96 201 470.0 pursuant to Article 97(1) EPC.**

Composition of the Board:

Chairman: W. J. L. Wheeler
Members: J. Cannard
B. J. Schachenmann

Summary of Facts and Submissions

- I. The appeal contests the decision of the Examining Division of the European Patent Office posted 12 July 2001 refusing the European patent application No. 96 201 470.0. The Appellant filed a notice of appeal by a letter received on 7 September 2001 and paid the fee for appeal on the same day. 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. The Appellant's representative informed the Board by letter dated 6 November 2001 that he had been instructed not to file the Grounds of Appeal and to abandon the case.
- III. By a communication dated 4 December 2001 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 invited to file observations within two months.
- IV. No answer has been given 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:

M. Hörnell

W. J. L. Wheeler