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D E C I S I O N
of 3 June 2002

Case Number: T 1268/01 - 3.3.3

Application Number: 97308398.3

Publication Number: 0838503

IPC: C08L 69/00

Language of the proceedings: EN

Title of invention:
Flame retardant composition of polyerstercarbonate, halogenated polycarbonate, potassium diphenylsulfone sulfonate and polytetrafluoroethylene

Applicant:
GENERAL ELECTRIC 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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Catchword:
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D E C I S I O N
of the Technical Board of Appeal 3.3.3
of 3 June 2002

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Decision under appeal: **Decision of the Examining Division of the European Patent Office posted 22 June 2001 refusing European patent application No. 97 308 398.3 pursuant to Article 97(1) EPC.**

Composition of the Board:

Chairman: R. J. Young
Members: W. J. Sieber
U. J. Tronser

Summary of Facts and Submissions

I. The appeal contests the decision of the Examining Division of the European Patent Office posted 22 June 2001 refusing the European patent application No. 97 308 398.3.

The Appellant filed a Notice of Appeal by letter received on 16 August 2001 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 13 March 2002 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 R. Young