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DECISION
of 23 October 2003

Case Number: T 0732/02 - 3.2.1

Application Number: 96902815.8

Publication Number: 0807026

IPC: B60C 23/04

Language of the proceedings: EN

Title of invention:

Tyre pressure monitoring transponder mounted on a tyre valve

Applicant:

Mangafas, Nicholas, et al

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 3.2.1
of 23 October 2003

Appellant: Mangafas, Nicholas et al.
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Decision under appeal: Decision of the Examining Division of the
European Patent Office posted 22 January 2002
refusing European application No. 96902815.8
pursuant to Article 97(1) EPC.

Composition of the Board:

Chairman: S. Crane
Members: J. Osborne
G. E. Weiss

Summary of Facts and Submissions

- I. The appeal contests the decision of the Examining Division posted 22 January 2002 refusing the European application N°96902815.8. The applicants filed a notice of appeal by letter dated 21 March 2002, received on 21 March 2002, and paid the fee for appeal on the same day. No statement of grounds was filed.

- II. By a communication dated 2 August 2002 and sent by registered post 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.

- III. The appellant filed no observations in response to said communication.

Reasons for the Decision

No written statement setting out the grounds of appeal has been filed. Furthermore, the notice of appeal contains nothing that could be regarded as a statement of grounds pursuant to Article 108 EPC. The appeal therefore has to be rejected as inadmissible (Article 108 EPC, second sentence, 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:

S. Fabiani

S. Crane