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**D E C I S I O N**  
**of 27 June 2005**

**Case Number:** T 1269/04 - 3.5.3

**Application Number:** 99966052.5

**Publication Number:** 1055160

**IPC:** G05B 19/042

**Language of the proceedings:** EN

**Title of invention:**

Electronic control arrangement with removable memory module

**Applicant:**

General Electric Company

**Opponent:**

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**Headword:**

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**Relevant legal provisions:**

EPC Art. 108

EPC R. 65(1), 84a

**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 3.5.3  
of 27 June 2005

**Appellant:** General Electric Company  
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**Representative:** Goode, Ian Roy  
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**Decision under appeal:** Decision of the Examining Division of the  
European Patent Office posted 28 May 2004  
refusing European application No. 99966052.5  
pursuant to Article 97(1) EPC.

**Composition of the Board:**

**Chairman:** A. S. Clelland  
**Members:** A. Ritzka  
M.-B. Tardo-Dino

## **Summary of Facts and Submissions**

I. The appeal lies from the decision of the Examining Division of the European Patent Office dated 28 May 2004 refusing European patent application No. 99 966 052.5. The decision was dispatched by registered letter with advice of delivery to the applicant on the day it was given.

The appellant filed a notice of appeal by a letter received on 29 July 2004 and paid the fee for appeal on 29 July 2004.

No statement of grounds was filed.

II. By a communication dated 16 November 2004, 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 and attention was drawn to the possibility of filing a request for re-establishment of rights under Article 122 EPC.

III. No answer has been given to the registry's communication within the time limit.

## **Reasons for the Decision**

As no written statement setting out the grounds of appeal has been filed and since the notice of appeal contains nothing that could be regarded as a statement of grounds pursuant to Article 108 EPC, 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:

D. Magliano

A. S. Clelland