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Case Number: T 0062/06 - 3.2.04

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Title of invention:
Programming device for a washing machine

Patentee:
INDESIT COMPANY S.p.A.

Opponent:
BSH Bosch und Siemens Hausgeräte GmbH

Headword:
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Relevant legal provisions:
EPC Art. 108
EPC R. 65(1)

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D E C I S I O N
of the Technical Board of Appeal 3.2.04
of 6 September 2006

Appellant: BSH Bosch und Siemens Hausgeräte GmbH
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Representative: -

Respondent: Indesit Company S.p.A.
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Decision under appeal: Decision of the Opposition Division of the
European Patent Office posted 14 November 2005
rejecting the opposition filed against European
Patent No. 0505684 pursuant to Article 102(2)
EPC.

Composition of the Board:

Chairman: M. Ceyte
Members: C. Scheibling
T. Bokor
P. Petti
H. Preglau

Summary of Facts and Submissions

I. The appeal contests the decision of the Opposition Division of the European Patent Office rejecting the opposition pursuant to Article 102(2) EPC. The decision was dispatched by registered letter with advice of delivery to each party on 14 November 2005.

The Appellant (Opponent) filed a notice of appeal on 12 January 2006 and paid the appeal fee on the same day.

No statement setting out the grounds of appeal was filed.

II. By a communication dated 11 May 2006 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.

III. 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 and 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:

G. Magouliotis

M. Ceyte