

Internal distribution code:

- (A) Publication in OJ
(B) To Chairmen and Members
(C) To Chairmen
(D) No distribution

**Datasheet for the decision
of 30 November 2006**

Case Number: T 0430/06 - 3.3.06

Application Number: 98953405.2

Publication Number: 1021504

IPC: C11D 1/65

Language of the proceedings: EN

Title of invention:

Detergent composition with a selected surfactant system
containing a mid-chain branched surfactant

Applicant:

THE PROCTER & GAMBLE COMPANY

Opponent:

-

Headword:

-

Relevant legal provisions:

EPC Art. 108

EPC R. 65(1)

Keyword:

"Missing Statement of Grounds"

Decisions cited:

-

Catchword:

-



Case Number: T 0430/06 - 3.3.06

D E C I S I O N
of the Technical Board of Appeal 3.3.06
of 30 November 2006

Appellant: THE PROCTER & GAMBLE COMPANY
One Procter & Gamble Plaza
Cincinnati, OH 45202 (US)

Representative: Peet, Jilian Wendy
Procter & Gamble Technical Centres Limited
Whitley Road
Longbenton
Newcastle upon Tyne NE12 9TS (GB)

Decision under appeal: Decision of the Examining Division of the
European Patent Office posted 8 July 2005
refusing European application No. 98953405.2
pursuant to Article 97(1) EPC.

Composition of the Board:

Chairman: P. Bracke
Members: L. Li Voti
A. Pignatelli

Summary of Facts and Submissions

The appeal contests the decision of the Examining Division of the European Patent Office posted 8 July 2005, refusing the European patent application No. 1 021 504 pursuant to Article 97(1) EPC.

The Appellant filed a Notice of Appeal on 7 September 2005 and paid the fee for appeal on the same day.

No Statement of Grounds was filed.

The Notice of Appeal does not contain anything that could be regarded as a Statement of Grounds pursuant to Article 108 EPC.

By a communication dated 21 April 2006 sent by registered letter with advice of delivery, the Registry of the Board informed the Appellant that no Statement of Grounds has been filed and that the Appeal could be expected to be rejected as inadmissible pursuant to Article 108 EPC in conjunction with Rule 65(1) EPC.

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.

No answer has been 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 and as the Notice of Appeal does not contain anything that could be regarded as a Statement of Grounds of Appeal according 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. Rauh

P.-P. Bracke