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**Datasheet for the decision
of 21 May 2008**

Case Number: T 1839/07 - 3.2.07

Application Number: 03733697.1

Publication Number: 1509458

IPC: B65D 19/40

Language of the proceedings: EN

Title of invention:

A method and unit load for distributing articles

Applicant:

Inter IKEA Systems B.V.

Opponent:

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Headword:

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Relevant legal provisions:

EPC Art. 108, third sentence
EPC R. 101(1)

Relevant legal provisions (EPC 1973):

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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 3.2.07
of 21 May 2008

Appellant: Inter IKEA Systems B.V.
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Decision under appeal: Decision of the Examining Division of the
European Patent Office posted 09 May 2007
refusing European application No. 03733697.1
pursuant to Article 97(1) EPC.

Composition of the Board:

Chairman: H. Meinders
Members: K. Poalas
E. Dufrasne

Summary of Facts and Submissions

- I. The appeal contests the decision of the Examining Division of the European Patent Office dated 9 May 2007 refusing the European Patent application No. 03 733 697.1.

The appellant (applicant) filed a notice of appeal on 6 July 2007 and paid the fee for appeal on the same day.

No statement of grounds was filed.

- II. By a communication dated 13 November 2007 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 is to be expected to be rejected as inadmissible. The appellant was invited to file observations within two months. Attention was also drawn to Article 122 EPC.
- III. No answer has been given to the registry's communication.

Reasons for the Decision

1. The notice of appeal filed on 6 July 2007 contains nothing that could be regarded as a statement of grounds pursuant to Article 108 EPC.
2. As no written statement setting out the grounds of appeal has been filed, the appeal has to be rejected as

inadmissible (Article 108 EPC, third sentence, in conjunction with Rule 101(1) EPC).

Order

For these reasons it is decided that:

The appeal is rejected as inadmissible.

The Registrar

The Chairman

G. Nachtigall

H. Meinders