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Publication Number: 1873082

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B31B37/00

Language of the proceedings: ΕN

Title of invention:

Process for making packages for hygiene articles

Patent Proprietor:

The Procter & Gamble Company

Opponent:

SCA Hygiene Products AB

Headword:

Relevant legal provisions:

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

Keyword:

Admissibility of appeal - missing statement of grounds

Decisions cited:

Catchword:



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DECISION of Technical Board of Appeal 3.2.07 of 13 January 2014

Appellant: The Procter & Gamble Company One Procter & Gamble Plaza (Patent Proprietor)

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Interlocutory decision of the Opposition Decision under appeal:

Division of the European Patent Office posted on 5 February 2013 concerning maintenance of the European Patent No. 1873082 in amended form.

Composition of the Board:

Chairman: H. Meinders Members: K. Poalas

I. Beckedorf

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Summary of Facts and Submissions

The appeal contests the interlocutory decision of the Opposition Division of the European Patent Office dated 5 February 2013 concerning maintenance of the European patent No. 1 873 082 in amended form.

The appellant (patent proprietor) filed a notice of appeal on 26 February 2013 and paid the appeal fee on the same day.

No statement of grounds of appeal was filed.

- II. By communication dated 11 July 2013 sent by registered letter with advice of delivery, the registry of the Board informed the appellant that no statement of grounds of appeal had been filed and that its appeal could be expected to be rejected as inadmissible. The appellant was invited to file observations within two months of notification of said communication.
- III. No answer has been given to the communication.

Reasons for the Decision

- 1. The notice of appeal filed on 26 February 2013 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

Decision electronically authenticated