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of 7 April 2014**

Case Number: T 1922/13 - 3.2.07

Application Number: 03784258.0

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Title of invention:

IMPROVEMENTS IN OR RELATING TO CONTAINERS

Patent Proprietor:

Reckitt Benckiser (UK) Limited

Opponent:

The Procter & Gamble Company

Headword:

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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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D E C I S I O N
of Technical Board of Appeal 3.2.07
of 7 April 2014

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Decision under appeal: **Decision of the Opposition Division of the
European Patent Office posted on 22 July 2013
revoking European patent No. 1539606 pursuant to
Article 101(2) EPC.**

Composition of the Board:

Chairman: H. Meinders
Members: G. Patton
E. Kossonakou

Summary of Facts and Submissions

- I. The appeal contests the decision of the Opposition Division of the European Patent Office posted on 22 July 2013 revoking the European patent No. 1 539 606 pursuant to Article 101(2) EPC, first sentence.

The appellant (patent proprietor) filed a notice of appeal on 10 September 2013 and paid the fee for appeal on the same day.

No statement of grounds was filed.

- II. By a communication dated 18 December 2013 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 its 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

1. The notice of appeal filed on 10 September 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