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**Applicants:**

Texas Instruments Incorporated  
TEXAS INSTRUMENTS FRANCE

**Relevant legal provisions:**

EPC Art. 108  
EPC R. 99(2), 101(1), 126(2)

**Keyword:**

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**D E C I S I O N**  
**of Technical Board of Appeal 3.5.01**  
**of 17 September 2018**

**Appellant:** Texas Instruments Incorporated  
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**Appellant:** TEXAS INSTRUMENTS FRANCE  
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**Decision under appeal:** **Decision of the Examining Division of the  
European Patent Office posted on 27 September  
2017 refusing European patent application No.  
00403538.2 pursuant to Article 97(2) EPC.**

**Composition of the Board:**

**Chairman** W. Chandler  
**Members:** N. Glaser  
P. Schmitz

## **Summary of Facts and Submissions**

- I. The appeal is directed against the decision of the Examining Division of 30 August 2017, posted on 27 September 2017.
- II. The appellants filed a notice of appeal on 7 December 2017 and paid the appeal fee on the same day.
- III. By communication of 15 March 2018, received by the appellants, the Registry of the Board informed the appellants that it appeared from the file that the written statement of grounds of appeal had not been filed, and that it was therefore to be expected that the appeal would be rejected as inadmissible pursuant to Article 108, third sentence, EPC in conjunction with Rule 101(1) EPC. The appellants were informed that any observations had to be filed within two months of notification of the communication.  
In the same communication the Board stated that it assumed that the appellants' request for oral proceedings did not apply to the issue of inadmissibility of the appeal because no grounds of appeal had been filed in due time and that this assumption would not be made if the appellants so stated within the specified period.
- IV. No reply was received.

## **Reasons for the Decision**

No written statement setting out the grounds of appeal was filed within the time limit provided by Article 108, third sentence, EPC in conjunction with Rule 126(2) EPC. In addition, the notice of appeal does

not contain anything that could be regarded as a statement of grounds pursuant to Article 108 EPC and Rule 99(2) EPC. Therefore, the appeal has to be rejected as inadmissible (Rule 101(1) EPC).

**Order**

**For these reasons it is decided that:**

The appeal is rejected as inadmissible.

The Registrar:

The Chairman:



T. Buschek

W. Chandler

Decision electronically authenticated