Noting of loss of rights pursuant to Rule 112(1) EPC

The European patent application cited above is deemed to be withdrawn because it did not reach the European Patent Office in due time according to Rule 37(2) EPC. The applicant's attention is drawn to the possibility of conversion into a national patent application under the terms of Article 135 EPC.

Means of redress

Request for a decision (R. 112(2) EPC)

If the applicant considers that the finding of the European Patent Office is inaccurate, he may, within a (non-extendable) period of two months after notification of this communication, apply in writing for a decision on the matter. The application can only lead to the finding being reversed if this does not actually correspond to the factual or legal situation.

Any fees paid in respect of the application will be reimbursed if the finding of loss of rights becomes final.

Receiving Section