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**Date on which the European patent application was refused**

- **legal basis**: Arts. 54-57, 61(1)(c), 83, 91(1) EPC
- **field meaning**: `yyymmdd` Date of issue of the European Patent Bulletin in which the notice is published. `yyymmdd' Effective date of refusal.
- **code meaning**: In case the European application does not comply with the requirements laid down in the EPC and Implementing Regulations, the examining division may refuse the application. The grounds for refusal may be:
  
  (a) not satisfying the formal requirements laid down in Art. 91(1), R.32, 35(2-11,14) EPC
  
  (b) not disclosing the invention in a manner sufficiently clear and complete for it to be carried out by a person skilled in the art (Art. 83)
  
  (c) lack in novelty (Art. 54)
  
  (d) lack in inventive step (Art. 56)
  
  (e) lack in industrial application (Art. 57)
  
  (f) request for refusal by a person having the right according Art. 60, under the provisions of Art. 61(1)(c)

- **see related codes**: EP P D18R, EP P R18R

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It is possible appeal against a refusal.
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