

Title (en)  
EASILY EXPANDABLE, NONTRAPPING, FLEXIBLE PAPER, MICROWAVE PACKAGE

Title (de)  
AUSDEHNBARE PAPIERVERPACKUNG FÜR MIKROWELLENÖFEN

Title (fr)  
EMBALLAGE EN PAPIER FLEXIBLE, FACILEMENT EXTENSIBLE ET SANS PLIS DE PIEGEAGE POUR MICRO-ONDES

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Abstract (en)  
[origin: WO9920542A1] A flexible paper popcorn package in the form of an easily expandable, nontrapping bag (18) is disclosed including a bottom wall (20) and a top wall (22) interconnected together adjacent their circular outer peripheries (20a, 22a) by first and second interconnection portions (26a, 26b). In one preferred form, the top wall (22) is formed by first and second wall portions (22b, 22c) interconnected together by a peelable closure seal (28). In another preferred form, the top wall (22) is formed from a first portion (22d) having an access opening closed by a closure portion (22e) interconnected by a seal (40) including the peelable closure seal portion (40a) to the first portion (22d). In still another preferred form, the bottom and top walls (20, 22) are interconnected together by their interconnection to gusseted side panels (50, 52), with the peelable closure seal being formed in the interconnection between the bottom and top walls (20, 22). The bottom and top walls (20, 22) expand into an opposing double domed shape as the popcorn kernels are being popped in the microwave oven. This domed shape of the bottom wall (22) keeps the unpopped popcorn huddled closer together and enhances the bag (18) to rock to maximize gravimetric separation. The bag (18) provides a serving bowl function when the peelable closure seal has been opened providing access to the interior of the bag (18) and specifically to the popped popcorn located therein.

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