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Package vending machine

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Verkaufsautomat für Warenpackungen

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Distributeur de paquets

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Abstract (en)
[origin: EP1093094A2] The present invention relates to a vending apparatus for selectively dispensing one of a plurality of packages (74). The vending apparatus includes an outer cabinet 10; an isolated freezer compartment (12) within the outer cabinet for storing the plurality of packages disposed within the outer cabinet, the freezer compartment having a thermal barrier (14) for maintaining a frozen environment within the freezer compartment in isolation of the ambient temperature air filling the remaining interior space of the outer cabinet; a mechanism (68) for opening the thermal barrier; a picker (52) for selectively removing the selected package from the freezer compartment, the picker being located outside the freezer compartment in between operating cycles and entering the freezer compartment for removing one of the packages only during the removal operation; and a controller (40) for automatically controlling the picker and opening mechanism in response to a customer's selection. <IMAGE>

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