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(54) **A foldable article**

(57) A foldable article is arranged to form a larger container 92 in a first folded form. The article comprises a panel 12 which is flat in the first form. The panel 12 defines two lines 30, 32 for folding the panel 12. The

article can be folded to form a smaller container 94 in a second folded form in which the panel 12 is folded about the or each line 30, 32.

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1. claims: 1-21

Article with two foldable forms  
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2. claims: 22-31

Article with ventilation means  
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