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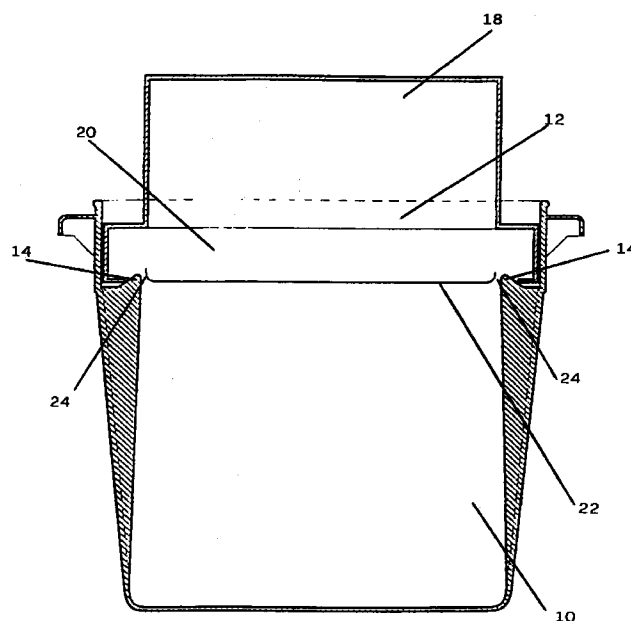
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**(54) Package for food products and method for using the same**

(57) A package for a food products comprising a bucket-like chamber (10) containing the treated food product and a reservoir chamber (12) placed inside and above said bucket-like chamber, containing the fluid for the treatment of the food product, which chambers are connected to each other through means suitable in order to obtain the final edible product.



**FIG. 2**

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