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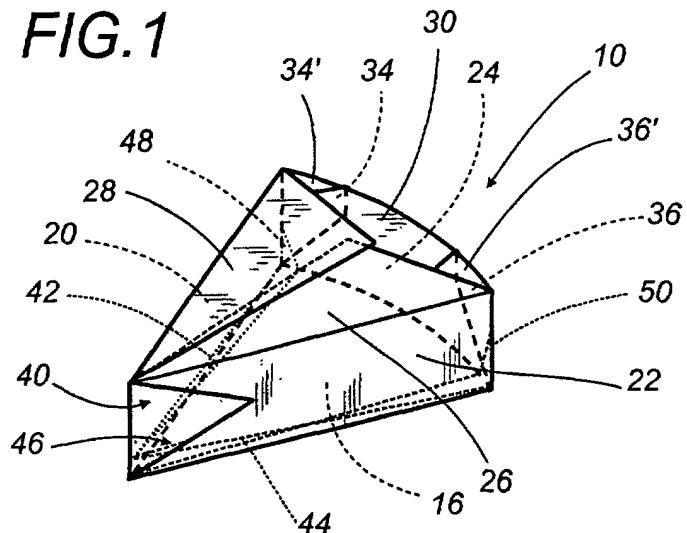
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(54) PACKAGE, METHOD AND EQUIPEMENT FOR PACKAGING A PASTY FOOD PRODUCT

(57) A pack (10) intended for a food product of paste consistency, typically processed cheese, comprises a wrapper erected from a blank (14) of essentially square outline (18) folded in such a way as to create a bottom (16) from which the sides (20, 22, 24) of the pack extend at right angles, and a lid consisting in a set of flaps (26, 28, 30) which extend from the sides (20, 22, 24) and are

folded parallel to the bottom (16). The blank (14) presents a substantially quadrangular outline and is folded in such a manner that the bottom (16) will appear triangular, or as a sector to a circle, whilst the top flaps (26, 28, 30) are of dimensions sufficient in combination to conceal the entire upwardly directed surface presented by the portion of the packaged product, so that there is no need for a separate top.

FIG. 1





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1. Claims: 1-11,17-20;24-35,41-44;48,49

Pack comprising a wrapper fashioned from a blank whereby the blank presents a quadrangular outline and whereby the top flaps of the blank are of dimensions sufficient in combination to conceal the entire upwardly directed surface presented by the portion of packaged product.

2. Claims: 1,12-20;36-44;48,50

Pack comprising a wrapper fashioned from a blank whereby the pack comprises means associated with the wrapper to tear open the wrapper consisting in at least one linear tear element furnished with a lift and pull portion located to coincide with a tab afforded by the wrapper.

3. Claims: 1,21-23;45-47

Pack comprising a wrapper fashioned from a blank whereby the pack comprises tearing means associated with the wrapper including a first and a second branch converging on a point of conjunction located at a vertex of the panel coinciding with the bottom of the pack.

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