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### (54) Container identification

(57) A refuse container 10, figure 1, includes a comb bar 18 having spaced gusset plates 22. A transponder assembly 30 is attached to one of the gusset plates 22

and shielded by the comb bar 18. The comb bar 18 protects the transponder assembly 30 from damage due to rough handling of the container 10, and from environmental factors such as rain and direct sunlight.

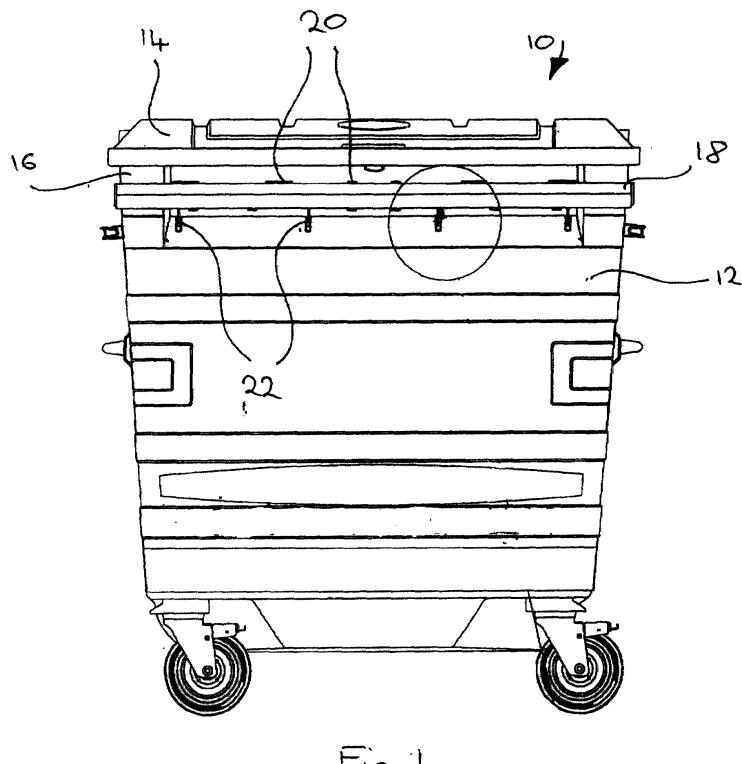


FIG. 1



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