



(12)

EUROPEAN PATENT APPLICATION

(88) Date of publication A3:
16.10.2002 Bulletin 2002/42

(51) Int Cl.⁷: **B65H 3/24**

(43) Date of publication A2:
02.05.2002 Bulletin 2002/18

(21) Application number: **01125179.0**

(22) Date of filing: **23.10.2001**

(84) Designated Contracting States:
**AT BE CH CY DE DK ES FI FR GB GR IE IT LI LU
MC NL PT SE TR**
Designated Extension States:
AL LT LV MK RO SI

(30) Priority: 24.10.2000 IT BO000617

(71) Applicant: **Innopack S.r.l.**
40012 Calderara di Reno (IT)

(72) Inventors:

- **Grandi, Lia**
40024 Castel S Pietro Terme (IT)
- **Cinotti, Andrea**
40141 Bologna (IT)
- **Mazzini, Luciano**
40037 Sasso Marconi (IT)

(74) Representative: **Bongiovanni, Simone (IT) et al**
Studio Torta S.r.l
Via Viotti 9
I-10121 Torino (IT)

(54) **Line for feeding stacks of sheets to an operating unit**

(57) A succession of stacks (2) of sheets (3) is fed to an input station (4) of an operating unit by means of a transfer device (9) having a transfer station (8) for re-

ceiving the stacks (2) of sheets (3) successively; the transfer device (9) being supported by a fixed supporting structure (11) located on the opposite side of the transfer station (8) to the input station (4).

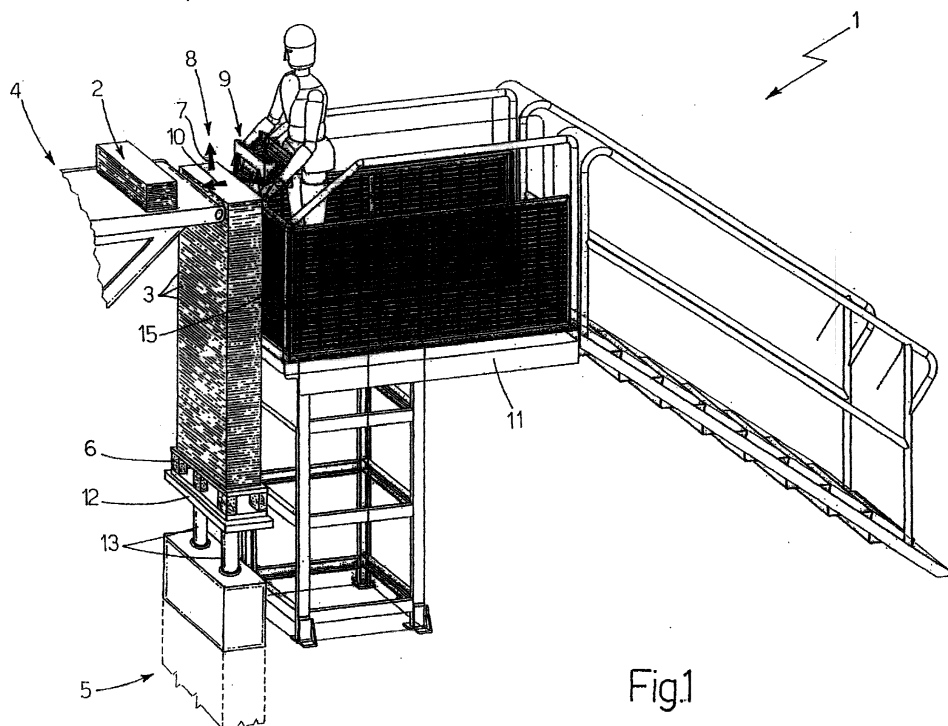


Fig.1



European Patent
Office

EUROPEAN SEARCH REPORT

Application Number
EP 01 12 5179

DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT			
Category	Citation of document with indication, where appropriate, of relevant passages	Relevant to claim	CLASSIFICATION OF THE APPLICATION (Int.Cl.7)
X	EP 0 513 768 A (THERMOGUARD EQUIPMENT INC) 19 November 1992 (1992-11-19) * column 2, line 30 - column 3, line 15 * * figures 5-7 *	1-3	B65H3/24
A	DE 43 18 379 A (SELCO SRL) 3 March 1994 (1994-03-03) * column 2, line 52 - column 3, line 11 * * figure 1 *	1-3	
X	DE 197 28 331 A (WILL E C H GMBH & CO) 7 January 1999 (1999-01-07)	1-3	
A	* the whole document *	4,5	
The present search report has been drawn up for all claims			TECHNICAL FIELDS SEARCHED (Int.Cl.7) B65H B65G
Place of search THE HAGUE		Date of completion of the search 22 August 2002	Examiner Pussemier, B
CATEGORY OF CITED DOCUMENTS X : particularly relevant if taken alone Y : particularly relevant if combined with another document of the same category A : technological background O : non-written disclosure P : intermediate document T : theory or principle underlying the invention E : earlier patent document, but published on, or after the filing date D : document cited in the application L : document cited for other reasons & : member of the same patent family, corresponding document			

EPO FORM 1503 03/82 (P04001)

**ANNEX TO THE EUROPEAN SEARCH REPORT
ON EUROPEAN PATENT APPLICATION NO.**

EP 01 12 5179

This annex lists the patent family members relating to the patent documents cited in the above-mentioned European search report.
The members are as contained in the European Patent Office EDP file on
The European Patent Office is in no way liable for these particulars which are merely given for the purpose of information.

22-08-2002

Patent document cited in search report		Publication date	Patent family member(s)		Publication date
EP 0513768	A	19-11-1992	US	5205703 A	27-04-1993
			CA	2066097 A1	15-11-1992
			EP	0513768 A1	19-11-1992
			JP	5193765 A	03-08-1993
DE 4318379	A	03-03-1994	IT	1257825 B	13-02-1996
			DE	4318379 A1	03-03-1994
DE 19728331	A	07-01-1999	DE	19728331 A1	07-01-1999

EPO FORM P0459

For more details about this annex : see Official Journal of the European Patent Office, No. 12/82