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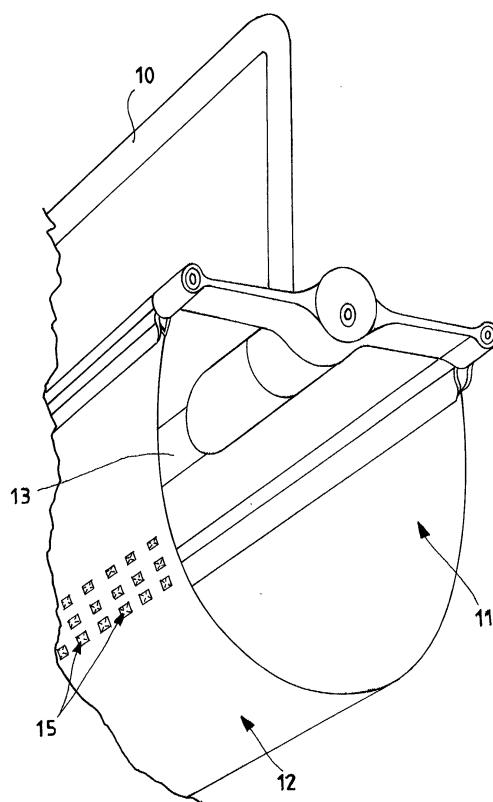
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(54) **Process for the production of diffusing screens for lighting appliances and the diffusing screen thus obtained**

(57) A process for the production of diffusing screens (12) of light radiation for lighting appliances (11), according to which a series of elements (15) is obtained, which form one or more patterns or finishes, on at least one polycarbonate sheet (16), used as a diffusing screen (12), by means of the drawing technology.

Fig.1





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Reason:	
<p>The present claims relate to a process for the production of a screen (claims 1 to 6) and a product (screen, claims 7 and 8) defined by reference to a desirable characteristic, namely a series of shaped elements obtained by the process of drawing.</p> <p>However, the application is not clear within the meaning of Article 84 EPC, because the shape of the elements as understood from the figures in combination with the description, can only be obtained by the process of deep-drawing or embossing.</p> <p>In the process of drawing the material is treated in the direction in which the material is drawn through the die, i.e. the structure of the elements would be parallel to the screen. The elements as shown in the figures, can therefore not be obtained by drawing. However, in deep-drawing the material is treated perpendicular to this direction, which leads to the elements as disclosed in the figures. The description merely mentions on page 5, lines 17 to 22 wording like "relief", "slightly hollowed forming seats" and "cavities". In the present case, the claims so lack support and are so unclear that a meaningful search over the whole of the claimed scope is impossible.</p> <p>The applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that a search may be carried out during examination following a declaration</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-/-</p>	
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