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(54) Interlockable trays

(57) A tray (2; 24) is provided which is capable of engagement with at least a second tray (26). Each tray comprises a cavity (4) for the placement of a foodstuff therein and has first and second engagement means (16, 18; 16', 18') provided at spaced apart locations along an edge of the tray to allow mutual engagement of the trays (2; 24, 26). An indent portion (13) is provided along the edge of each tray between the first and second

engagement means (16, 18; 16', 18'), such that when the trays are brought into mutual engagement, the first engagement means (16) of the first tray (2; 24) can be provided over and engaged with the second engagement means (18') of the second tray (26), and the first engagement means (16') of the second tray (26) can be provided over and engaged with the second engagement means (18) of the first tray (2; 24).

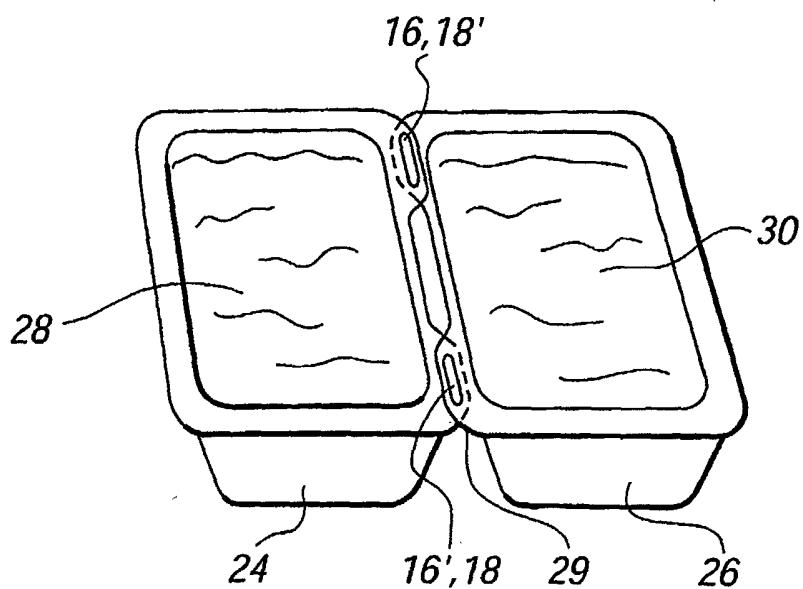


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