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(54) **Self-heating container for body care products, particularly muds, algae and epilatory products**

(57) A self-heating container (1) is disclosed that can be used with body care products, particularly muds, algae and depilatory products, and that comprises: a support body with a base (3) and elongated side walls (5) separated by a partitioning element (4) and internally

hollow to contain therein two substances that generate heat when they are mutually put in contact by breaking the partitioning element (4) and are subjected to an exothermic reaction through a brusque and strong agitation; a recess (7) to contain the body care products; and closure means (9) for the recess (7).

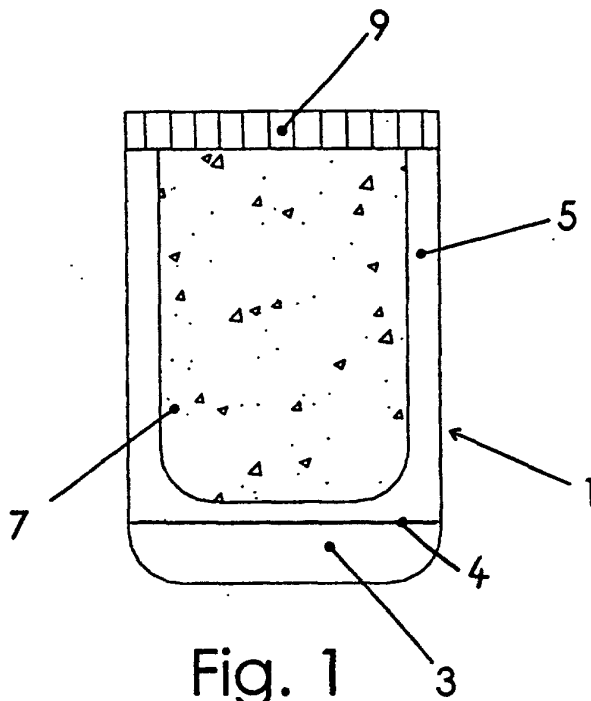


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1. Claims: 1,6

Self-heating container suitable for containing body care products and comprising heating substances.

2. Claims: 1,2-5

Self-heating container provided with applicator means

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