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(54) **Pallets provided with a transponder**

(57) A pallet (1) for carrying articles, such as boxes and/or bottles, is provided with a chamber (5) for accommodating a transponder (20). The chamber (5), which is preferably centrally located in the top deck (2) of the pal-

let, is constituted by a through hole closed off by a cover (6) or a transponder holder (7). Thus the transponder (20) is easily and inexpensively fitted in the pallet (1) while being mechanically protected.

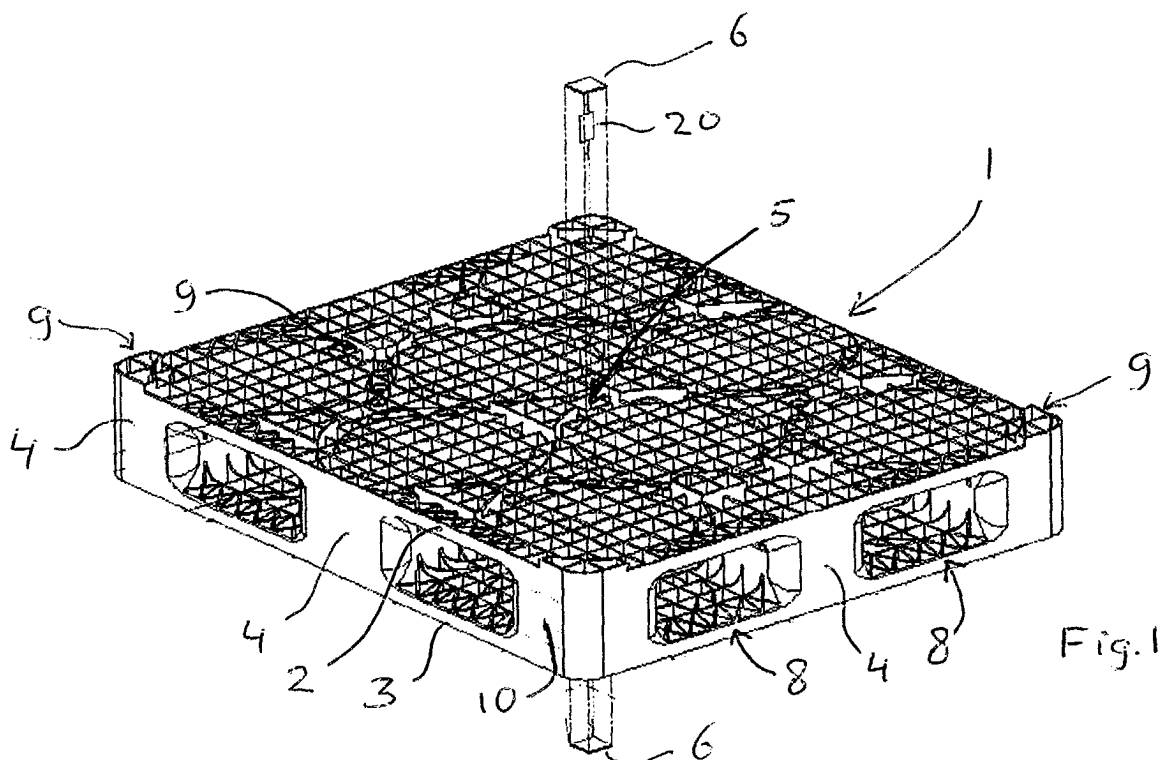


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1. claims: 1-15

A pallet formed from a plastics material, whereby a transponder unit is accommodated in a through hole of the pallet.

2. claim: 16

A holding element for a transponder, the holding element consisting of two locking parts.

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