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(54) **A method of applying colour or print onto a dimensionally stable plastics container**

(57) A method of applying colour or print onto essentially the same place on a number of plastics containers (10) in succession leaving a manufacturing apparatus. The method comprises the following steps: moulding the

plastics container in a mould; ejecting (20) the plastics container in a fixed position; and applying colour or print (21) while the container occupies a position determined by this fixed position.

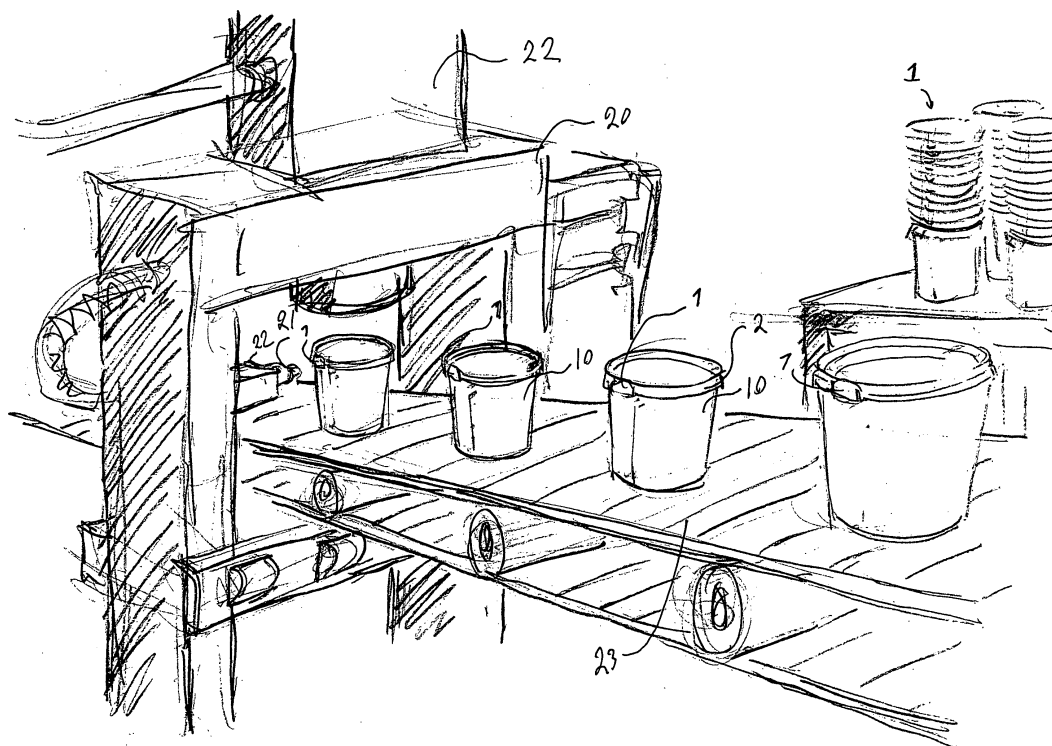


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