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(54) **Package for a food product**

(57) The invention refers to a package (1) comprising a rigid or semi-rigid flat support (3), possibly perimetrically provided with walls (9) and with a raised edge (7), a first flexible plastic film (4) coupled to the support (3) at a face thereof, such first plastic film (4) being a film which can be peeled from the support (3), a food product

(2) arranged on such face of the support (3), a second plastic film (5) superimposed on the first plastic film (4) wherein the first and second plastic film (4, 5) are bound together along a peripheral band with the formation of a substantially sack-shaped sealed casing (6) containing said food product (2), such sealed casing (6) being detachable from the support (3) substantially by pulling.

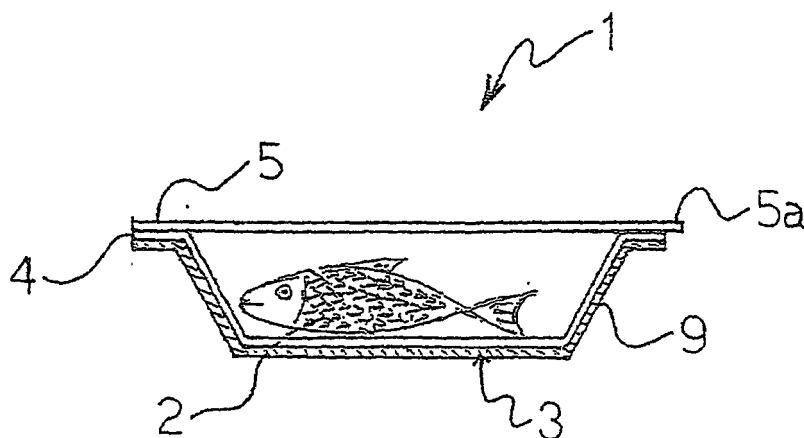


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1. claims: 1-3,8,12-15,26-29

Separable containers.

2. claims: 4,5,21,22

Disposal of the containers.

3. claims: 6,7,9-11,16-20,23-25

Shelf life of the product in the containers.

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