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(54) **METHOD AND TRANSPORT BOX FOR HANDLING SHIPMENTS**

(57) Method and transport box (1) for handling shipments (9), which are collected and transported in a vehicle and offloaded at a destination location. Before transportation the shipments are collected in the transport box. Collecting or offloading of the shipments from the trans-

port box takes place at a plurality of places. A transport box may be used comprising a bottom (2) and a set of wall elements (3), at least one of the wall elements being releasably connectable to said bottom.

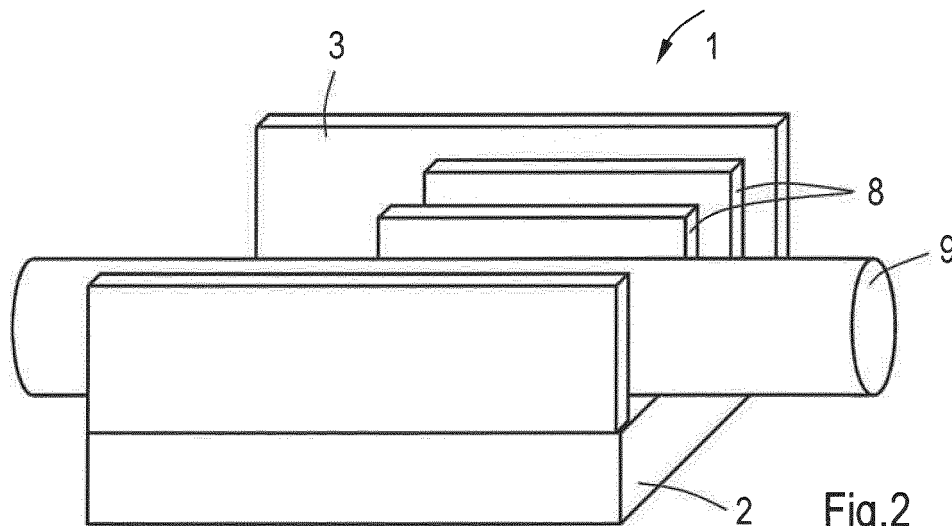


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1. claims: 1-6

Group I relates to a method for handling shipments comprising a transport box and means for avoiding movement of the deliveries within the transport box.

2. claims: 1, 7-9

Group II relates to a method for handling shipments comprising a transport box and steps/means for allowing a faster delivery.

3. claims: 10-15

Group III relates to a transportbox comprising removable wall elements.

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