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(54) **PACKAGED DAIRY PRODUCT**

(57) The present invention belongs to the field of packaging dairy products, in particular the object of the present invention is a packaged dairy product (1), e.g. mozzarella, a machine (100) and a packaging method. The packaged dairy product (1) comprises a packaging envelope (2) containing a preserving liquid (3) and at least one dairy product (4) at least partially submerged in said preserving liquid (3). The packaging envelope (2) consists of a pair of main walls (21, 22) opposite to each other, and a pair of side walls (23, 24) arranged between and connected to said main walls (21, 22). Moreover, the packaging envelope (2) is made of a material and/or a thickness such that it is deformable when the packaged dairy product (1) is placed in contact with a supporting surface (S), in such a way that three different transport, storage and/or display configurations are possible as a result of the weight of the preserving liquid (3) and of the at least one dairy product (4). [Fig. 2]

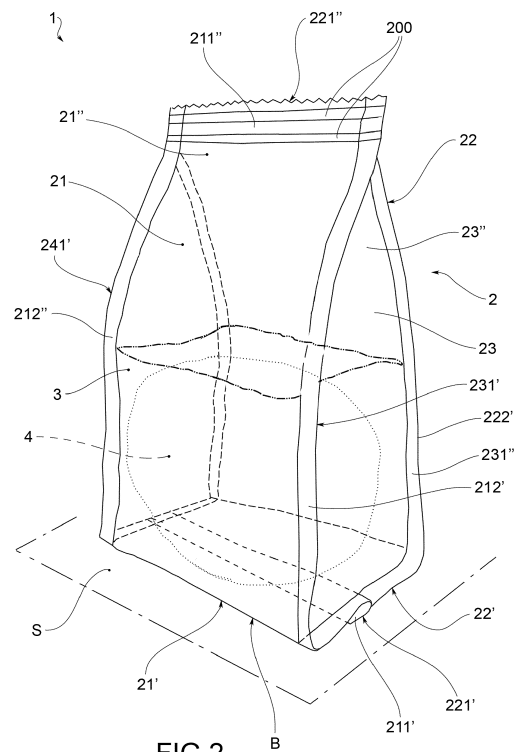


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1. claims: 1-10

Directed to a packaged dairy product comprising a packaging envelope containing a liquid and a dairy product.

2. claims: 11-13

Directed to a machine and a method for packaging a packaged dairy product, the machine comprising a forming collar, a forming tube and vertical welders.

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