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(54) **CONTAINER FOR PACKAGING FOOD PRODUCTS**

(57) A container for the packaging of food products, in particular cured meats or meat or fish or cheeses, comprising a tray (1), having an open-top shape, defined by a bottom (2), a plurality of side walls (3), by a perimeter edge (30) and comprising a protective sheet glued to the perimeter edge (30) which is provided with a flattened

portion (5) with a predetermined surface area, the tray (1) being intended to accommodate a food product and being closed by the protective sheet, the flattened portion (5) including stamped indications (6) relating to the food product contained and/or the manufacturer.

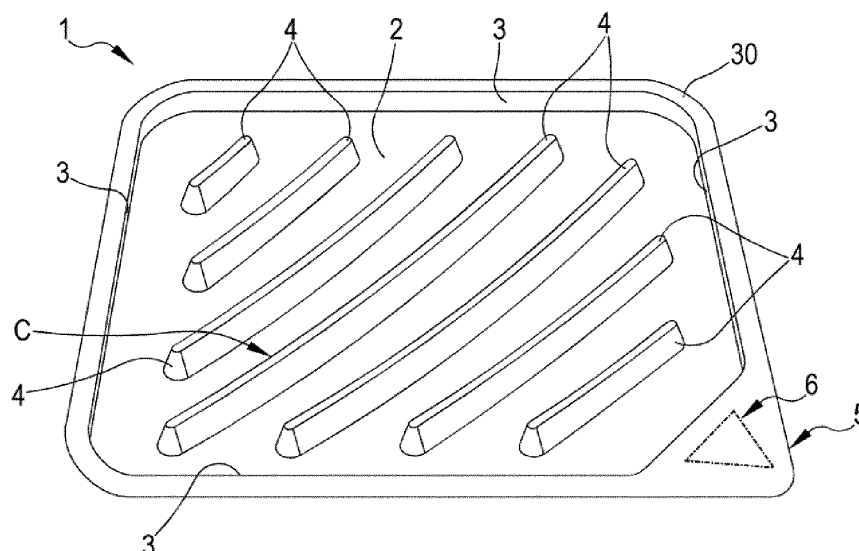


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1. claims: 1-6

Container for the packaging of food products, in particular cured meats or meat or fish or cheeses, also in the form of cold cuts, comprising a tray (1), having an open-top shape, defined by a bottom (2), a plurality of walls sides (3), by a perimeter edge (30) and comprising a protective sheet glued to said perimeter edge (30), said perimeter edge (30) being provided with a flattened portion (5) with a predetermined surface area, said tray (1) being intended to accommodate a food product and being closed by said protective sheet, the container having as potential special technical feature a flattened portion with a grip handle. This can solve the problem of easy peeling of the protective sheet.

2. claims: 7-9

Container for the packaging of food products, in particular cured meats or meat or fish or cheeses, also in the form of cold cuts, comprising a tray (1), having an open-top shape, defined by a bottom (2), a plurality of walls sides (3), by a perimeter edge (30) and comprising a protective sheet glued to said perimeter edge (30), said perimeter edge (30) being provided with a flattened portion (5) with a predetermined surface area, said tray (1) being intended to accommodate a food product and being closed by said protective sheet, the container having as potential special technical feature a bottom with corrugations. Thanks to the corrugations 4, the above-mentioned support surface has a shape which prevents or limits the sliding of the food product along the bottom and/or improves the presentation of the product, especially in the case of food product in the form of cold cuts.

3. claims: 10, 11

Container for the packaging of food products, in particular cured meats or meat or fish or cheeses, also in the form of cold cuts, comprising a tray (1), having an open-top shape, defined by a bottom (2), a plurality of walls sides (3), by a perimeter edge (30) and comprising a protective sheet glued to said perimeter edge (30), said perimeter edge (30) being provided with a flattened portion (5) with a predetermined surface area, said tray (1) being intended to accommodate a food product and being closed by said protective sheet, the container having as potential special technical feature a special material. This solves the problem of better biodegradability and/or allows the user to



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