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(54) Title: HOISTING FRAME AND METHOD FOR ITS USE (57) Abstract The invention relates to a hoisting frame (1), specifically for hoisting containers (2), comprising a longitudinally adjustable beam (12) having a plurality of outer pickup elements (5) arranged at its ends and inner pickup elements (6) arranged near its center, said inner pickup elements being connected to the beam (12) moveable in longitudinal direction. The inner pickup elements (6) are moveable along the beam (12) in pairs, and are for instance each arranged in pairs on a saddle (8) placed transversely on the beam (12) and slideable therealong. The invention also relates to a method for transporting containers (2) by means of such a hoisting frame (1), comprising picking up at least two adjacent containers (2) at a first location, lifting the containers (2) and moving them through the air to a second location, and lowering the containers (2) at the second location, wherein at least one of the containers (2) is moved in longitudinal direction relative to the hoisting frame (1) between lifting and lowering thereof. The hoisting frame of the invention allows containers stacked with various spacings to be transported in double-acting operation.		