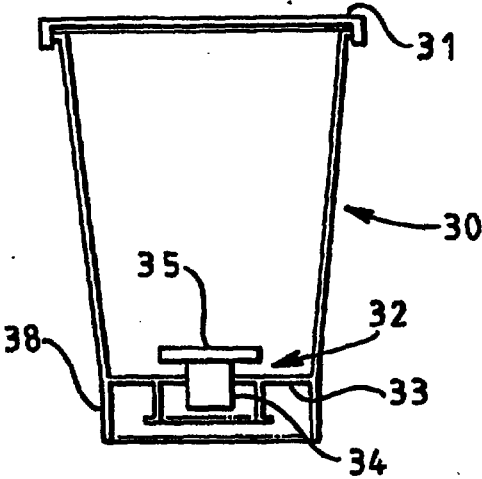


PCTWORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION
International Bureau1POS COPY
200002119-6

INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION PUBLISHED UNDER THE PATENT COOPERATION TREATY (PCT)

(51) International Patent Classification ⁶ : A47J 43/042, 31/40	A1	(11) International Publication Number: WO 99/21466 (43) International Publication Date: 6 May 1999 (06.05.99)
(21) International Application Number: PCT/GB98/03193 (22) International Filing Date: 27 October 1998 (27.10.98) (30) Priority Data: 9722711.0 29 October 1997 (29.10.97) GB (71)(72) Applicant and Inventor: MCGILL, Shane, Robert [GB/GB]; McGill Technology Building, Endeavour Park, London Road, Addington, West Malling, Kent ME19 5TW (GB). (74) Agent: COWAN, David, Robert; Lewis & Taylor, 5 The Quadrant, Coventry CV1 2EL (GB).	(81) Designated States: AL, AM, AT, AU, AZ, BA, BB, BG, BR, BY, CA, CH, CN, CU, CZ, DE, DK, EE, ES, FI, GB, GR, GH, GM, HU, ID, IL, IS, JP, KE, KG, KP, KR, KZ, LC, LK, LR, LS, LT, LU, LV, MD, MG, MK, MN, MW, MX, NO, NZ, PL, PT, RO, RU, SD, SE, SG, SI, SK, SL, TJ, TM, TR, TT, UA, UG, US, UZ, VN, YU, ZW, ARIPO patent (GH, GM, KE, LS, MW, SD, SZ, UG, ZW), Eurasian patent (AM, AZ, BY, KG, KZ, MD, RU, TJ, TM), European patent (AT, BE, CH, CY, DE, DK, ES, FI, FR, GB, GR, IE, IT, LU, MC, NL, PT, SE), OAPI patent (BF, BJ, CF, CG, CI, CM, GA, GN, GW, ML, MR, NE, SN, TD, TG). Published <i>With international search report.</i>	
(54) Title: FOOD BLENDING APPARATUS  (57) Abstract The invention provides food blending apparatus and a method of blending food within a container (30) with the object of providing a hygienic system whereby disposable containers are charged with product at a location remote from consumption. After filling with ingredients the container is sealed and then cooled. Containers include an integral blender (35) which when connected to a drive enable the product to be blended at the point of consumption after location in driving connection with the drive means. Product is accessed through a sealed opening (31) of the container after opening the seal. After consumption the container is disposed of and is constructed to make disposal economical.		