the stack (1a) having the length B is intended for being kept available at a collection point (14) [[-,]] wherein the movable spacer elements of the shopping carts of the stack which is intended for transport are arranged on the shopping carts in such a way that, or assume a position such that, the spacer elements of each shopping cart either assume their use position automatically or are manually transferable into their use position, in which the spacer elements remain, after said shopping cart has been removed from the stack.

2. A stack (1) comprising a number of identical chassis (3) pushed one inside the other ~~and/~~ or a number of identical baskets (4) fitted one inside the other, it being possible for both stacks (1) to be transported with the aid of transport means ~~such as trucks, containers and the like~~ and, after having been transported, to be joined together to form utilizable shopping carts (2a), with the result that the stack (1a) which is produced as a result and is formed from identical shopping carts (2a) ~~can be~~ are kept available for the removal and for the use of the shopping carts (2a) at a collection point (14) which is set up by self - service stores, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein spacer elements (9) are attached to the chassis (3) and/or to the baskets (4) of the shopping carts (2) of the stack (1a) which is intended for the collection point (14), in that a stack spacing b is formed in each case by the spacer elements (9) between the chassis (3) ~~and/~~ or between the baskets (4), which stack spacing b is greater than the stack spacing a which is formed between the chassis (3) ~~and/~~ or the baskets (4) which are intended for transport, and in that the length B of the stack (1a) comprising the assembled shopping carts (2) and having the stack spacings b is greater than the length A of the stack (1) which is formed from the same number of chassis (3) ~~and/~~ or baskets (4) and has the stack spacings a.

3. The stack as claimed in claim 1 ~~or 2, characterized in that~~ wherein at least one spacer element (9) is provided on each shopping cart (2 and/or 2a), and in that the at least one spacer element (9) is arranged either on the basket (4, 4a) or on the

chassis (3, 3a) or on supporting devices (15) which co nnect the basket (4, 4a) to the chassis (3, 3a).

4. The stack as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the at least one spacer element (9) is arranged in front of or behind the stack space region (8) which results when two shopping carts (2) w hich are intended for transport are pushed one inside the other.

5. The stack as claimed in claim 1 ~~or 2, characterized in that~~, wherein, as viewed in a side view of the shopping carts (2, 2a), each spacer element (9) is arranged in a region between the f ront side (4f) and the rear side (4g) of the respective basket (4 or 4a).

6. The stack as claimed in claim 3 , ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the spacer element or elements (9) is or are arranged on a transverse connection (7) which connects the longitudina l sides of each chassis (3, 3a), or transverse connection sections (7), or on the underside (4d) of the basket floor (4b) or on the side walls (4e) of the basket (4, 4a) or on the lower rear edge (6) of each basket (4, 4a).

7. The stack as claimed in clai m 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein , when the shopping carts (2a) are pushed one inside the other, the at least one spacer element (9) of a shopping cart (2a) to be pushed in butts either against the chassis (3a) or against the rear lower edge (6) of the bas ket (4a) or against the rear boundary (4h) of the side walls (4e) of the basket (4a) of a shopping cart (2a) located in front of it, or in that, during the same operation, the chassis (3a) or the transverse connection (7) of the transverse connection secti ons (7) or a shopping cart (2a) to be pushed in comes or come into contact with the at least one spacer element (9) of a shopping cart (2a) located in front of it, which spacer element (9) projects beyond the lower edge (6) of the basket (4a) in a rearward or downward manner.

8. The stack as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein , in the stacked state of the shopping carts (2) which are provided in a stack (1) intended for transport, the at least one movable spacer element (9) of the shopping car ts (2) is accommodated in each case in a space (19) which is situated between the basket floor (4b) of a shopping cart (2) and the basket floor (4b) of the shopping cart (2) located in each case in front of it.

9. The stack as claimed in claim 7, ~~charact erized in that~~ wherein the movable spacer elements (9) of the shopping carts (2) which are located in the stack (1) are locked releasably in their non - use position or remain automatically in their non - use position on account of the position of their centroi d.

~~10. The stack as claimed in claim 1 or 8 , characterized in that the movable spacer elements (9) of the shopping carts (2) of the stack (1) which is intended for transport are arranged on the shopping carts (2) in such a way that, or assume a position s uch that, the spacer elements (9) of each shopping cart (2) assume their use position automatically after said shopping cart (2) has been removed from the stack (1).~~

~~11~~10. The stack as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the at least one spac er holder (9) is additionally supported on at least one supporting part (18) when a stack spacing b is formed in each case between the shopping carts (2a).

~~12~~11. The stack as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the basket (4a) of each shoppin g cart (2a) is additionally supported on the chassis (3a) with the aid of the at least one spacer element (9).

~~13~~12. The stack as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the spacer elements (9) of the shopping carts (2 or 2a) are formed either

[[-]] by a transverse strut (11) which ~~can be inserted~~ is insertable into the lower chassis frame (3b),

[[-]] or by a rear wall (5) which ~~can be inserted~~ is insertable into the basket (4),

[[-]] or by a dividing wall which ~~can be inserted~~ is insertable into the front region of the basket (4),

[[-]] or by a handle (13) which is able to ~~can~~ be placed onto the basket (4) or onto the chassis (3) in a latching manner,

[[-]] or by a handle (13) which ~~can be transferred~~ is transferable from a first position into a second position.

13. The stack as claimed in claim 2, wherein at least one spacer element is provided on each shopping cart, and in that the at least one spacer element is arranged either on the basket or on the chassis or on supporting devices which connect the basket to the chassis.

14. The stack as claimed in claim 2, wherein, as viewed in a side view of the shopping carts, each spacer element is arranged in a region between the front side and the rear side of the respective basket.

15. The stack as claimed in claim 8, wherein the movable spacer elements of the shopping carts of the stack which is intended for transport are arranged on the shopping carts in such a way that, or assume a position such that, the spacer elements of each shopping cart assume their use position automatically after said shopping cart has been removed from the stack.

16. A stack comprising a number of identical chassis pushed one inside the other and a number of identical baskets fitted one inside the other, it being possible for both stacks to be transported with the aid of transport means and, after having been transported, to be joined together to form utilizable shopping carts, with the result that the stack which is produced as a result and is formed from identical

shopp ing carts are kept available for the removal and for the use of the shopping carts at a collection point which is set up by self - service stores, wherein spacer elements are attached to the chassis or to the baskets of the shopping carts of the stack which is intended for the collection point, in that a stack spacing b is formed in each case by the spacer elements between the chassis and between the baskets, which stack spacing b is greater than the stack spacing a which is formed between the chassis and the baskets which are intended for transport, and in that the length B of the stack comprising the assembled shopping carts and having the stack spacings b is greater than the length A of the stack which is formed from the same number of chassis and baskets a nd has the stack spacings a.

17. The stack as claimed in claim 16, wherein at least one spacer element is provided on each shopping cart, and in that the at least one spacer element is arranged either on the basket or on the chassis or on supporting dev ices which connect the basket to the chassis.

18. The stack as claimed in claim 16, wherein, as viewed in a side view of the shopping carts, each spacer element is arranged in a region between the front side and the rear side of the respective basket.