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(54) Title: EASY-OPENING REUSABLE ENVELOPES

(57) Abstract

An easy-opening reusable envelope (2; 22) for use in an outward journey from a sender to a receiver followed by a return journey from the receiver to the sender or some other person, the envelope (2; 22) comprising a first panel (4), a second panel (6), and a reuse flap (12), the reuse flap (12) being connected to the first panel (4) along a first foldline (16), the reuse flap (12) having a free outer edge, the reuse flap (12) comprising a first attachment portion (13) for sealing said envelope (2; 22) during the outward journey, a second attachment portion (15) for sealing said envelope (2; 22) during the return journey, and means enabling separation (30; 17) of said first attachment portion (13) and said second attachment portion (15), wherein said reuse flap (12) further comprises a first adhesive strip (26) located on one or other of said second panel (6) and said first attachment portion (13) between said means enabling separation (30; 17) and the outer edge of the reuse flap (12) for sealing the reuse flap (12) to the second panel (6) before the outward journey of the envelope (2; 22), and a receiver-activated adhesive strip (32) located on one or other of said second panel (6) and said second attachment portion (15) between said means enabling separation (30; 17) and said first foldline (16) for allowing the receiver to reseal the reuse flap (12) to the second panel (6) before reusing the envelope (2; 22).

