By way of further example, International Patent Application WO-A-2011/009520 discloses a pack for smoking articles that includes a sealed block as an inner pack and a hinge-lid box as an outer pack. The sealed block includes an operating tab formed by an inner blank or an outer layer of the inner blank and an opening tab formed on the inside as an additional material. The opening tab is moved into an open position with the aid of the operating tab and in the process exposes a removal opening in the region of an inner layer.

Embodiments of the invention seek to improve air tightness of one or more seals of an inner package of a container without requiring substantial modifications to machinery utilized to manufacture the inner package.

In one aspect of the present invention, there is provided a container for consumer goods, comprising: a housing comprising a box and a lid hingedly attached to the box, wherein the box comprises a front wall and a rear wall; an inner package disposed within the housing and at least partially defining an interior volume for housing the consumer goods, wherein the inner package is formed from a material comprising a first layer and a second layer attached to an inner surface of the first layer, wherein the inner package comprises: a first side wall and a second side wall; a sealed portion in at least one of the first and second side walls disposed within a fold of the material of the inner package; a first region extending along a longitudinal axis of the inner package and longitudinally extending an entire length of the inner package when pre-assembled, the first region comprising the first and second layers, wherein the first region further comprises a first line of weakness disposed in the first layer that defines a flap, and a second line of weakness disposed in the second layer that defines an access opening disposed in the first region through which the consumer goods can be removed, wherein the access opening is covered by the flap when the flap is in a closed position, wherein the access opening is at least partially uncovered when the flap is in an open position, wherein the flap is attached to an inner surface of the lid; and a second region adjacent the first region and extending along the longitudinal axis, wherein the second region comprises only the first layer and not the second layer, wherein the second layer does not extend into the sealed portion.

In another aspect of the present invention, there is provided a pre-assembled inner package extending along a longitudinal axis, wherein the pre-assembled inner package is formed from a material comprising a first layer and a second layer attached to an inner surface of the first layer, wherein the pre-assembled inner package comprises: a plurality of side wall panels that form side walls of an inner package when assembled, wherein at least

one of the side walls includes a sealed portion disposed within a fold of the material of the inner package when assembled; a first region extending along the longitudinal axis and comprising the first and second layers, wherein the first region longitudinally extends an entire length of the pre-assembled inner package, wherein the first region further comprises a first line of weakness disposed in the first layer that defines a flap, and a second line of weakness disposed in the second layer that defines an access opening disposed in the first region, wherein the access opening is covered by the flap when the flap is in a closed position, and further wherein the access opening is at least partially uncovered when the flap is in an open position; and a second region adjacent the first region and extending along the longitudinal axis, wherein the second region comprises only the first layer and not the second layer, wherein the second layer does not extend into the sealed portion.

In one embodiment of the present invention, a container for consumer goods is described. The container includes a housing including a box and a lid hingedly attached to the box, where the box includes a front wall and a rear wall. The container also includes an inner package disposed within the housing and at least partially defining an interior volume for housing consumer goods. The inner package is formed from a material that includes a first layer and a second layer attached to an inner surface of the first layer. The inner package also includes a first region that extends along the longitudinal axis of the inner package and includes the first and second layers. The first region also includes a first line of weakness disposed in the first layer that defines a flap, and a second line of weakness disposed in the second layer that defines an access opening disposed in the first region through which the consumer goods can be removed. The access opening is covered by the flap when the flap is in a closed position. Further, the access opening is at least partially uncovered when the flap is in an open position. The inner package also includes a second region adjacent the first region that extends along the longitudinal axis. The second region includes only the first layer and not the second layer.

In current seal constructions, the quality and functionality of the final pack depends on proper adhesion between the lid and the self-adhesive label, where the label has a complex construction or layout on both sides. In other words, a self-adhesive label that is attached to an outer surface of the inner package of the container is required to be releasably attached to the inner package. Such complex constructions can include a multilayer material that is utilized to form the inner package. This multilayer material, however, can be more challenging to seal together to form the inner package as multiple

layers can increase a thickness of the material. For example, sealing together multiple layers of material can require additional energy and can increase the potential for gaps within the