CLAIMS:

1. An apparatus for supporting a guiderail for guiding one or more articles conveyed along a conveyor having a conveying surface defining a conveying path in a conveying direction, comprising:

   a support rail; and

   at least one adjuster for adjusting a position of the guiderail relative to the conveyor in a direction transverse to the conveying direction, the at least one adjuster comprising a collapsible support for engaging the support rail and supporting the guiderail, the collapsible support adapted for being extended and retracted into the conveying path in a direction transverse to the conveying direction to selectively position the guiderail relative to the support rail;

   wherein the collapsible support comprises a pair of arms connected for relative pivoting movement at one end, and each connected to a shuttle for engaging the support rail at another end.

2. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein each arm of the pair of arms is pivotably connected to a connector, the connector including a receiver adapted for receiving a portion of the guiderail.

3. The apparatus of claim 2, wherein the connector includes an extension for engaging the support rail to prevent the pair of arms from reaching a locked position.

4. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein each shuttle comprises a retainer for engaging the support rail.

5. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein each shuttle includes at least one roller for rotatably engaging the support rail.

6. The apparatus of claim 1, further including an actuator for actuating movement of the shuttles along the support rail toward each other to extend the guiderail and away from each other to retract the guiderail.

7. The apparatus of claim 6, wherein the actuator comprises a cable, and each shuttle comprises a clamp for clamping the shuttle to either a forward run of the cable or a return run of the cable.

8. The apparatus of claim 6, wherein the support rail supports a pulley for guiding the cable.

9. The apparatus of claim 6, further including a motor for moving the cable to and fro along an endless path.

10. An apparatus for supporting a guiderail for guiding one or more articles being conveyed along a conveyor in a conveying direction along a conveying path, comprising:

    a support for supporting the guiderail, the support comprising a flexible joint for expanding and retracting in the conveying direction;

    wherein the support comprises a linkage;

wherein the linkage comprises first and second arms pivotally connected to a connector for forming the flexible joint;

wherein each of the first and second arms is adapted for translating along a support rail extending in the conveying direction.

11. The apparatus of claim 10, wherein the connector is adapted for engaging the guiderail.

12. The apparatus of claim 10, further including an actuator for actuating the support to move the guiderail to and fro into the conveying path in a direction transverse to the conveying direction.

13. The apparatus of claim 10, wherein the flexible joint formed by the first and second arms is located at an end of each of the first and second arms.

14. An apparatus for supporting a guiderail for guiding one or more articles conveyed along a conveyor having a conveying surface defining a conveying path in a conveying direction, comprising:

a support rail; and

at least one collapsible support for engaging the support rail and supporting the guiderail, wherein the collapsible support comprises first and second arms, each connected to each other at a first end for relative pivoting movement, and each of the first and second arms connected at a second end to a respective first and second shuttle, said first and second shuttle adapted for slidably engaging the support rail;

wherein the collapsible support is adapted for being extended from the support rail into the conveying path along a support path transverse to the conveying direction by movement of the first and second shuttle toward each other, and the collapsible support is further adapted for being retracted away from the conveying path along the support path by movement of the first and second shuttle away from each other to selectively position the guiderail relative to the support rail.

15. The apparatus of claim 14, further including a connector connected to the first end of the first and second arms.

16. The apparatus of claim 15, wherein the connector is adapted to connect to the guiderail.

17. The apparatus of claim 15, wherein the connector includes an extension for engaging the support rail to prevent the first and second arms from reaching a locked position.

18. The apparatus of claim 14, wherein each shuttle includes at least one roller for rotatably engaging the support rail.

19. The apparatus of claim 14, further including an actuator for actuating movement of the shuttles along the support rail.

20. The apparatus of claim 19, wherein the actuator comprises a cable, and each shuttle comprises a clamp for clamping the shuttle to either a forward run of the cable or a return run of the cable.