

(57) Abstract

The invention concerns a straddle carrier, which comprises a portal body (11), to which belong essentially vertical supporting pillars (13a, 13b), and an upper body (15) connecting them at the top and to which are mounted the necessary hoisting devices for hoisting and supporting containers (1, 2). On each side of the straddle carrier (10) at the lower end of the supporting pillars (13a, 13b) there are wheels (12) carrying the portal body (11), and in between both front and rear supporting pillars (13a, 13b) the straddle carrier's (10) transverse hoisting beams (20) are arranged for movement in the vertical direction as well as the necessary means for gripping containers (1, 2). The means for gripping containers (1, 2) comprise two container spreaders (16a, 16b), which are suspended from the hoisting beams (20) and are arranged in parallel in relation to the straddle carrier's (10) driving direction. The hoisting devices for hoisting and supporting containers (1, 2) comprise one common hoisting mechanism (18), which is connected through hoisting ropes (28a, 28b) or other such hoisting means to the hoisting beams (20) for handling parallel containers (1, 2) at the same time.

(Fig. 2)