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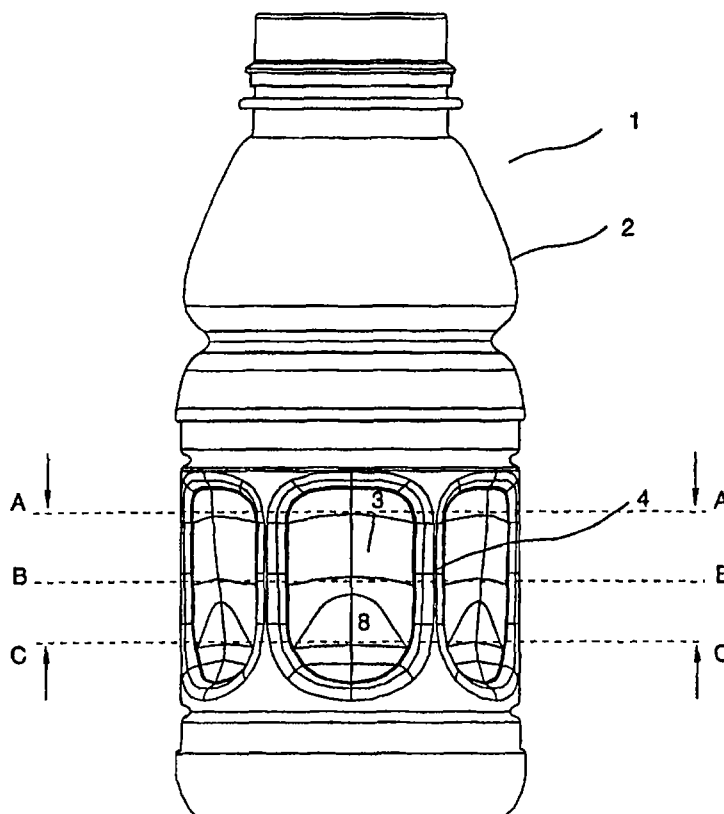


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(54) Title: A CONTAINER HAVING PRESSURE RESPONSIVE PANELS

(57) Abstract

A container (1), suitable as a hot-fill container, includes a controlled deflection flex panel (3) which may invert and flex under pressure, such as hot-fill conditions, to avoid deformation and permanent buckling of the container (1). The flex panel (3) includes an initiator portion (8) which has a lesser projection than the remainder of the flex panel (3) and initiates deflection of the flex panel (3).



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