Abstract

FLEXIBLE ASSEMBLY LINE FOR CUTLERY PACKAGING

A Flexible Assembly Line (30) for cutlery packaging comprises a cutlery sorter (54) for dispensing and spreading cutlery items, a transporting line (32, 34) connected to the cutlery sorter (54) for receiving the scattered cutlery items and moving them to a predetermined location, and a cutlery packaging machine (42) coupled to the transporting line (32, 34) at the predetermined location for wrapping the cutlery items together. A method of packaging cutlery items comprises steps of dispensing (126) cutlery items onto a cutlery conveyor belt (70), inspecting (128, 146) quality of the cutlery items automatically, and packaging (166) quality compliant cutlery items.

[Figure 1]