

METHOD OF STEAM-STERILIZING CONTACT LENS LABELSABSTRACT

A process for steam-sterilizing label-bearing
5 containers stacked with the labels in contact, without
destroying the labels such as occurs if the labels are
printed by thermal transfer for product-variable data.
The process features laser-ablating imagewise the label
to remove an ink layer so as to expose either a
10 contrasting ink layer below, or a metal foil or polymer
substrate. Such containers are then readily stacked on
the labels and sterilized without thermal damage to the
labels.