The invention claimed is:

1. A receptacle comprising:

a sidewall extending from a first end of the receptacle to a second end of the receptacle, at least a portion of the sidewall being tapered;

a continuous end layer disposed at the first end of the receptacle, the continuous end layer transitioning from the sidewall at a boundary between the sidewall and the continuous end layer, the boundary encompassing the continuous end layer, the continuous end layer lacking openings within the continuous end layer encompassed by the boundary, and the continuous end layer defining an unbroken inner surface and a corresponding unbroken outer surface;

a closure disposed at the second end of the receptacle, the sidewall, the continuous end layer, and the closure defining a sealed cavity of the receptacle; and

a solid frozen liquid content disposed in the sealed cavity of the receptacle:

the solid frozen liquid content being sized to occupy less than the entire sealed cavity,

the solid frozen liquid content having a first position within the cavity in which the solid frozen liquid content conforms to substantially the entire inner surface of the end layer of the receptacle, and

the solid frozen liquid content having a second position within the cavity, when perforated by a needle of a dispensing apparatus, in which the solid frozen liquid content is displaced away from the inner surface of the end layer of the receptacle and in part defines a flow path from the second end of the cavity, around the solid frozen liquid content, to the first end of the cavity.

2. The receptacle of claim 1, wherein the receptacle comprises a gas impermeable material configured to preserve freshness and aroma of the solid frozen liquid content.

3. The receptacle of claim 1, wherein the receptacle comprises a recyclable material.

4. The receptacle of claim 1, wherein the solid frozen liquid content is selected from the group consisting of:

a frozen coffee extract;

a frozen tea extract;

a frozen lemonade concentrate;

a frozen vegetable concentrate;

a frozen broth;

a frozen liquid dairy product;

a frozen alcohol product;

a frozen concentrated soup;

a frozen syrup; and

a frozen fruit concentrate, or any combination thereof.

5. The receptacle of claim 1, wherein the receptacle is configured such that the receptacle: can be perforated before the receptacle is inserted into the apparatus; can be perforated while the receptacle is present in the apparatus; or both.

6. The receptacle of claim 1, wherein the receptacle is filterless.

7. The receptacle of claim 1, wherein the receptacle is configured to receive a heated liquid through a perforation formed in the receptacle to expedite liquefaction and dilution of the solid frozen liquid content.

8. The receptacle of claim 1, wherein the receptacle is configured to receive heat to expedite melting of the solid frozen liquid content within the receptacle.

9. The receptacle of claim 1, wherein a portion of the sidewall at the second end of the receptacle and the closure are joined via heat sealing.

10. The receptacle of claim 1, wherein a portion of the sidewall at the second end of the receptacle and the closure are joined via crimping.

11. The receptacle of claim 1, wherein a portion of the sidewall at the second end of the receptacle and the closure are joined via gluing.

12. The receptacle of claim 1, further comprising a flange disposed at the second end of the receptacle.

13. The receptacle of claim 1, wherein the receptacle comprises metal.

14. The receptacle of claim 13, wherein the receptacle comprises aluminum.

15. The receptacle of claim 1, wherein the sidewall and the end layer are a continuous layer.

16. The receptacle of claim 1, wherein the cavity includes at least one of an inert gas and a reduced reactivity gas.

17. The receptacle of claim 16, wherein the receptacle is filterless.

18. The receptacle of claim 17, wherein the receptacle comprises metal.

19. The receptacle of claim 18, wherein the receptacle comprises aluminum.

20. The receptacle of claim 1, wherein the solid frozen liquid content and the receptacle are provided in a controlled portion arrangement.

21. The receptacle of claim 20, wherein the controlled portion arrangement comprises a single-serving sized format.

22. The receptacle of claim 20, wherein the controlled portion arrangement comprises a batch-serving sized format for producing multiple servings from a single or a plurality of injections of liquid.

23. The receptacle of claim 1, wherein the solid frozen liquid content, when in the first position, conforms to at least part of the tapered portion of the sidewall.

24. The receptacle of claim 23, further comprising a coating disposed on at least one of (a) a portion of an inner surface of the end layer and (b) a portion of an inner surface of the part of the tapered portion of the sidewall to which the solid frozen liquid content conforms, the coating reducing adhesion of the solid frozen liquid content to the inner surface(s) relative to an uncoated surface.

25. The receptacle of claim 1, wherein the solid frozen liquid content includes at least one of a frozen liquid extract and a frozen liquid concentrate.

26. The receptacle of claim 25, wherein the solid frozen liquid content includes nutrients.