

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Method for picking up and handling filled, closed, rectangular bag or film packs or pouches, which have a bottom side and two longitudinal sides and are provided on the bottom side with a bottom fold, the pouches, standing on one of the longitudinal sides, are arranged in parallel to one another in a row and in each case on an opposite (upper) longitudinal side are picked up with a gripper mechanism having comb-like, finger-like gripper elements, which are moved between the upper longitudinal sides of adjacent pouches, in that the gripper elements are moved in the longitudinal direction of the upper longitudinal sides, from the base side and pass the same, between adjacent longitudinal sides.