ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE (FIG. 1)

"COMMODITY IMAGE DATA PROCESSORS, RECORDING MEDIUMS WHICH CONTAIN A COMMODITY IMAGE DATA PROCESSING PROGRAM, AND IMAGE PICKUP AIDING APPARATUS"

A commodity image data processor and a recording medium which contains a commodity image data processing program to easily create commodity management data which includes commodity image data and commodity information items in corresponding relationship. To this end, for example, a commodity code is input in the form of a bar code. A camera picks up an image of a commodity placed within an image pickup box. Resulting commodity image data is stored in correspondence to the commodity code. In another image pickup aiding apparatus, an illumining device illumines an object from above on its front side. When an image of the object is to be picked up, a moving device moves the position of the image pickup device relative to the object so as to easily pickup the image of the object. To this end, for example, a commodity as an object is placed within an image pickup box of the image pickup aiding apparatus. An image of the commodity is picked up by a camera placed outside the box. In this case, the commodity is illumined by the illumining device from above on its front side. A camera and the commodity are moved relative to each other. Thus, illumination blurs are reduced and a clear image is easily picked up.