

5 SEP 2003

(12) INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION PUBLISHED UNDER THE PATENT COOPERATION TREATY (PCT)

(19) World Intellectual Property Organization
International Bureau



162162

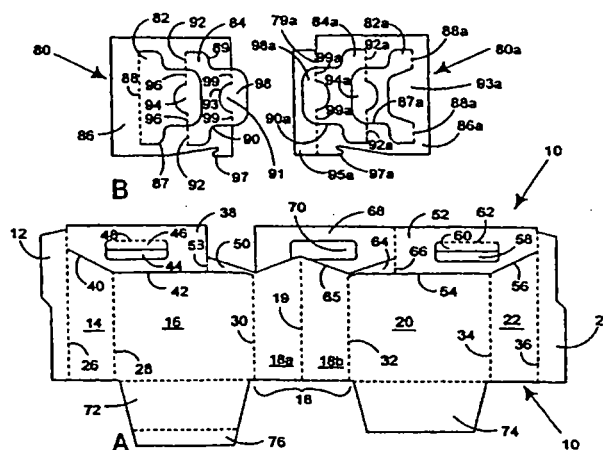
(43) International Publication Date
8 September 2000 (08.09.2000)
DEPARTMENT ATLANTA
PCT

(10) International Publication Number
WO 00/51893 A3

- (51) International Patent Classification⁷: B65D 71/68 (74) Agents: DREW, Michael, V. et al.; The Mead Corporation, 4850D North Church Lane, Smyrna, GA 30080 (US).
- (21) International Application Number: PCT/US00/05804
- (22) International Filing Date: 6 March 2000 (06.03.2000) (81) Designated States (*national*): AU, BG, BR, BY, CA, CN, CR, CZ, EE, HR, HU, ID, IL, IN, JP, KE, KR, LT, LV, MX, NO, NZ, PL, RO, RU, SG, SI, SK, TR, UA, US, VN, YU, ZA.
- (25) Filing Language: English
- (26) Publication Language: English (84) Designated States (*regional*): European patent (AT, BE, CH, CY, DE, DK, ES, FI, FR, GB, GR, IE, IT, LU, MC, NL, PT, SE).
- (30) Priority Data:
9905057.7 5 March 1999 (05.03.1999) GB
9930490.9 23 December 1999 (23.12.1999) GB
Published:
— With international search report.
- (71) Applicant (*for all designated States except US*): THE MEAD CORPORATION [US/US]; Courthouse Plaza, Northeast, Dayton, OH 45463 (US). (88) Date of publication of the international search report: 4 January 2001
- (72) Inventor; and
(75) Inventor/Applicant (*for US only*): BAKX, Martinus, C., M. [NL/NL]; Patijnweg 74, NL-4416 LS Goes (NL).

For two-letter codes and other abbreviations, refer to the "Guidance Notes on Codes and Abbreviations" appearing at the beginning of each regular issue of the PCT Gazette.

(54) Title: ARTICLE CARRIER AND BLANK THEREFOR



G00002

(57) Abstract: An article carrier and a blank (10) for forming an article carrier of the basket type comprising in sequence a first end panel (14), a first side panel (16), a second end panel (18), a second side panel (20) and a third end panel (22) foldably connected together one to next. A base panel (72, 74) is hinged to respective one of the side panels (16, 20) and a handle a structure comprising first and second handle panels (38 and 52) is foldably connected to one or more of medial support panels (12 and 24) or end panels. The first and second handle panels (38 and 52) are adjacent to the first and second side panels (16 and 20) respectively and are separated therefrom. The first and second handle panels are so constructed and arranged to be placed in face contacting relationship to form a two ply handle when the carrier is set up. There further comprises a blank (80, 80a) for forming an internal partition structure which blank comprises a medial panel (86, 86a) adapted to be connected to the handle structure and to at least one of the end panels and a plurality of transverse partition panels (82/82a, 84/84a) struck from the medial panel to create a plurality of article receiving cells on one side of the handle panel when the carrier is formed from the blank.

WO 00/51893 A3