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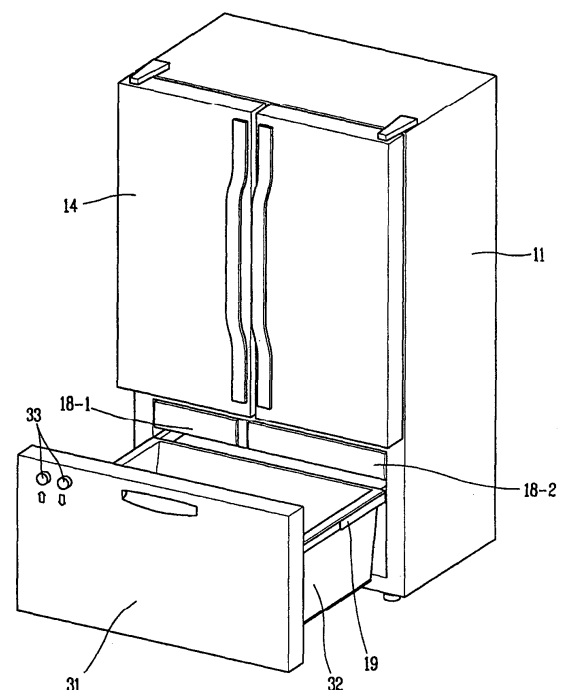
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(54) **Apparatus for controlling container of refrigerator and method thereof**

(57) Disclosed are an apparatus for controlling a container of a refrigerator and a method thereof. The apparatus comprises: a body (11) having an upper cooling chamber and a lower cooling chamber having an opened front surface and separated from each other; an upper door (14) for opening and closing the opened front surface of the upper cooling chamber; a lower door (41) for opening and closing the opened front surface of the lower cooling chamber by being slid in a back and forth direction of the body; a lower container (32) formed at a rear surface of the lower door to be movable in an up and down direction of the body and integrally slid with the lower door; a plurality of upper containers (18-1,18-2) slidable in a back and forth direction of the body and formed at the rear surface of the lower door and at an upper portion of the lower container; and a control means for controlling the lower container (32) to be lifted or lowered.

FIG. 3







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