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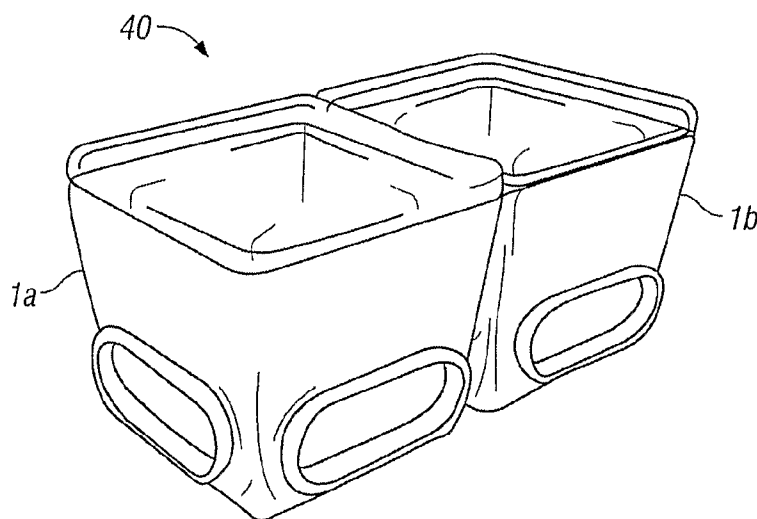
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(54) Title: FOOD CONTAINER



(57) Abstract: There is provided a food container for use in containing a food portion for freeze storage thereof comprising a body (10) defining a compartment (18) for receipt of said food portion; a sealing lid (20) for reversible sealing of said compartment; and provided to said body, one or more connectors (30, 32), each said connector arranged for reversible mating connection to a mating connector provided to the body of a second similar food container. There is also provided an assembly of plural such food containers, each reversibly connected to at least one second similar food container by a mating connection.

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