Title: IMPROVED SHARPENER FOR BLADES OF FOOD SLICERS

Abstract: A sharpener to sharpen the edge of a food slicer blade (3) includes a non-planar abrasive surfaced rotatable disk (21) mounted on a supporting structure. The supporting structure includes one or more surfaces designed to align with at least one of a push bar (1), thickness control plate (49) and the surface of the food carriage (13) of the food slicer when the abrasive surface of the disk is in contact with the edge of the slicer blade.
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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER
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Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)
EAST, sharp$6 with (food adj slic$4) with (non adj planar adj contact)

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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