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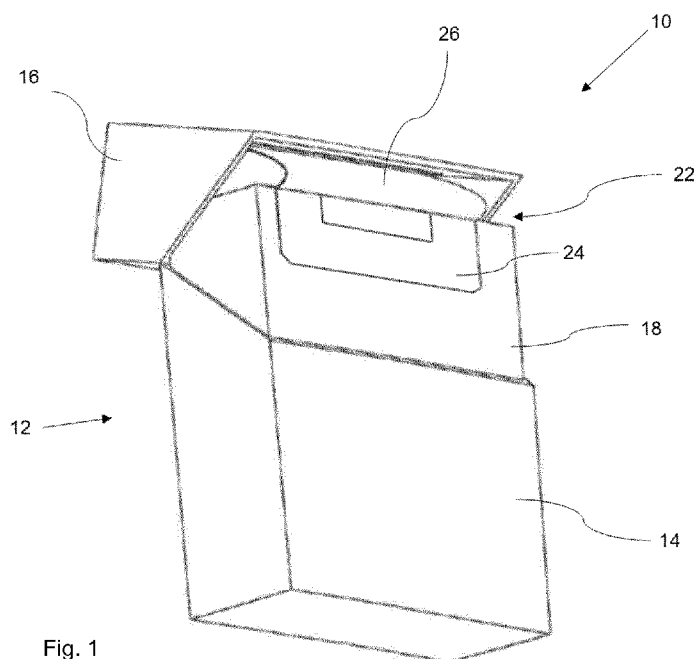
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Fig. 1

(57) **Abstract:** A package (18) of consumer goods has an opening for removing the goods and a reclosable adhesive label (22) occluding the opening. The label (22) comprises a bottom layer (24) and a top layer (26). The bottom layer (24) is affixed to the package (18) by means of permanent adhesive provided on a first area (30) of the inner surface of the bottom layer extending about the periphery of the opening, the bottom layer comprising a cut-out portion (28) at least partly aligned with the opening of the package. The top layer (26) is at least partly affixed to the bottom layer (24) by permanent adhesive provided on a back hinge area (32) of the inner surface of the top layer, and at least partly releasably affixed to the bottom layer by means of a second adhesive provided on a peeling area (34) of the inner surface of the top layer extending distal from the hinge area (32). Thus, the top layer (26) is movable from a closed position, wherein it overlies at least the access opening, and an open position, wherein it is lifted off the bottom layer (24) to reveal the cut-out portion (28). The second adhesive is a permanent or semi-permanent adhesive and a layer of a release agent is provided between the bottom layer (24) and the top layer (26). In the closed position, a front end portion of the peeling area (34) of the inner surface of the top layer (26) at least partially overlies the release agent.

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1. claims: 1-7

How to facilitate the opening of a container

2. claim: 8

How to provide an opening in a wrapper

3. claims: 9, 10

How to adjust the vapour transmission through the package material

4. claim: 11

How to package smoking articles.

5. claims: 12-15

How to protect a resealable container

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