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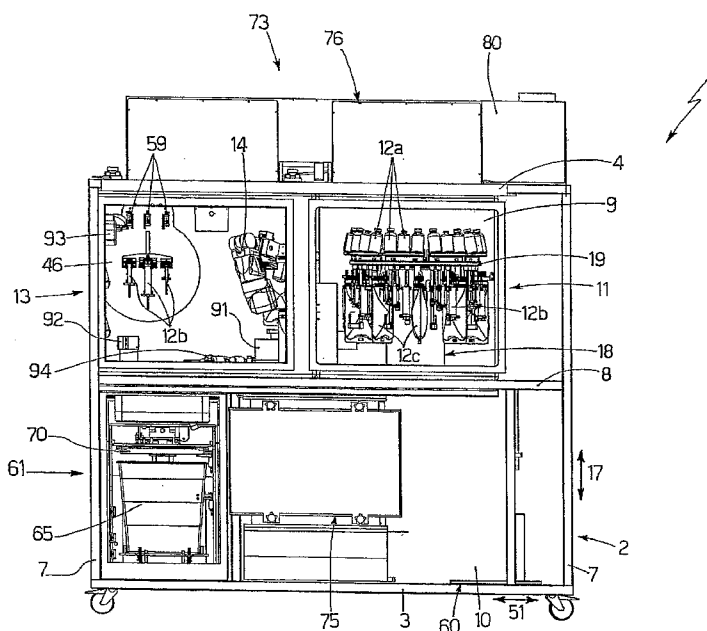
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(54) Title: MACHINE FOR THE PREPARATION OF PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS



(57) Abstract: A machine for the preparation of pharmaceutical products is provided with a gripping and carrier device (14) to transfer at least one container (12) between a magazine (11) and a dosage station (13) for the preparation of a pharmaceutical product, and a box-type holding frame (2) defining a chamber (9) for the housing of magazine (11), gripping and carrier device (14), and dosage station (13); the chamber (9) displaying an access aperture (71) to magazine (11) and being crossed by a sterile air flow adapted to avoid the entry of air from the external environment through aperture (71) itself.

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1. claims: 1-18

Independent claim 1 refers to a first machine for the preparation of pharmaceutical products; dependent claims show preferred embodiments.

2. claims: 19-26

Independent claim 19 refers to a second machine for the preparation of pharmaceutical products; dependent claims show preferred embodiments.

3. claims: 27-35

Independent claim 27 refers to a third machine for the preparation of pharmaceutical products; dependent claims show preferred embodiments.

4. claims: 36-43

Independent claim 36 refers to a fourth machine for the preparation of pharmaceutical products; dependent claims show preferred embodiments.

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