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### LACK OF UNITY OF INVENTION

The Search Division considers that the present European patent application does not comply with the requirements of unity of invention and relates to several inventions or groups of inventions, namely:

**1. claims: 1-3**

A method of providing flavouring into a sealed container, the method comprising the steps of: providing a container; providing a pod attached to a container by adhesive, said pod having flavouring therein; and using the pod to deliver the flavour into the container.

**2. claims: 4-10**

A pod adapted to provide flavouring to foodstuff, the pod comprising: a housing adapted to holding at least one flavouring; a piercing element, provided within the pod; an attachment mechanism for attaching the pod to a bag or container; and a frangible surface operative in use with the piercing element.

**3. claims: 11-13**

A pod adapted to provide flavouring to foodstuff in association with a popcorn machine, the pod comprising: a housing adapted to holding at least one flavouring; an attachment mechanism for attaching the pod to the machine; and an openable surface adapted to enable flavour to exit the pod.

None of the further search fees have been paid within the fixed time limit. The present (supplementary) European search report has been drawn up for those parts of the European patent application which relate to the first mentioned in the claims, namely claims: 1-3

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