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The present European patent application comprised at the time of filing claims for which payment was due.

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- No claims fees have been paid within the prescribed time limit. The present European search report has been drawn up for those claims for which no payment was due.

### 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:

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- All further search fees have been paid within the fixed time limit. The present (supplementary) European search report has been drawn up for all claims.
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- 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:

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: 1-16

A knife and method for producing julienne cut products using a corrugated primary knife and a tab blade having a lower section complementary of the valleys and two bladed sections extending through two slots of the primary blade.

1.1. claims: 8-16

A knife and method for producing julienne cut products using a corrugated knife with tabs resulting from cutting and bending parts of the blade.

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Please note that all inventions mentioned under item 1, although not necessarily linked by a common inventive concept, could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee.

Common to both inventions (group 1. claims 1-7; group 1.1 claims 8-16) is the use of a knife with corrugations and tab elements (whether a composite knife as in claims 1-7 or a monolithic knife as in claims 8-16). Further, there is the common feature that the tab element is not welded nor brazed to the corrugated blade. These common features are known from US 4,590, 835 [D1] and from prior art shown in the application in figures 7-9.

The remaining features of both groups have nothing in common. They are further alternative solutions to the problem of providing a construction without brazing or welding, a problem already solved in the art. In other words, their special technical features can be said to share a technical relationship akin that of R. 44 EPC, however that technical relationship is also shared with the prior art solution of D1, the common concept of "tabs neither brazed nor welded to corrugated blade" is "per se" not inventive.

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