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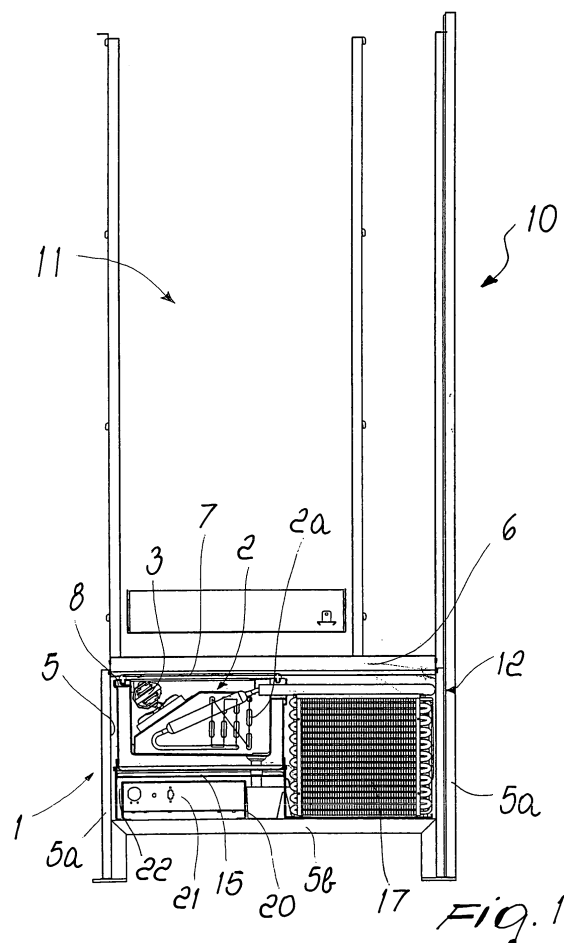
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(54) **Refrigeration device**

(57) A refrigeration device, particularly for vending machines, comprising refrigeration means (2) that comprise a refrigeration element (2a) and ventilation means (3) that are designed to force the air through the refrigeration element (2a), the refrigeration means (2) being adapted to move between an active position, in which they are accommodated within a housing (5) formed in an upward region by a lower surface (6) supported by a containment frame (12), and an extraction position, in which they are at least partially arranged outside the housing (5). The device further comprises at least one sealing gasket (7), which in the active position is arranged between the lower surface (6) and the upper edge (8) of the refrigeration means (2), and being provided with means (9) for the relative movement of the upper edge (8) with respect to the lower surface (6) along a direction that is substantially perpendicular to the plane of arrangement of the sealing gasket (7).





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1. claims: 1-8

Actuation lever system

2. claims: 1, 11, 12; 9, 10

Mounting of a control unit

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