

formed through said sheet, said port being surrounded by a first end of a tubular shaped flexible plastic sleeve sealed about the perimeter of said port, the sleeve being of a predetermined length and having a retaining ring sealed to the second end of said sleeve, such that when said flexible plastic sleeve is folded over upon itself, said retaining ring holds said sleeve flush upon itself and flush with said port, and when said retaining ring is rotated with respect to said port and said first end, said flexible plastic sleeve twists and folds over upon itself, said enclosure further including a pair of coupling members one disposed on each opposing side thereof closely proximate said planar bottom surface;

(b) self-supporting, removable, tubular support means for maintaining said tubular enclosure in an expanded tent-like state by supporting said enclosure curved upper surface at a midsection thereof above said elongated bottom surface to define the enclosed chamber, said self-supporting tubular support means having opposing ends each adapted to couple to one of said enclosure coupling members to further support the enclosure in the tent-like state;

(c) at least one access means for inserting and removing materials, formed through said sheet; and

(d) means for selectively opening and closing said access means.

23. A flexible, self-supportable impermeable containment apparatus forming an enclosed chamber and having an opening for introducing and removing materials, for the storage, manipulation and transport of biohazardous materials comprising:

(a) an elongated flexible plastic sheet having a longitudinal seam extending along the length dimension thereof for forming said sheet formed into a tubular

enclosure about said biohazardous material, said enclosure having an outer surface and a first and second closed end, an elongated generally planar bottom surface and an elongated curved transparent upper surface extending thereabove, said enclosure including at least one port formed through said sheet, said port being surrounded by a first end of a tubular shaped flexible plastic sleeve sealed about the perimeter of said port, the sleeve being of a predetermined length and having a glove member sealed to the second end of said sleeve, said enclosure further including a pair of coupling members one disposed on each opposing side thereof closely proximate said planar bottom surface;

(b) self-supporting, removable, tubular support means for maintaining said tubular enclosure in an expanded tent-like state by supporting said enclosure curved upper surface at a midsection thereof above said elongated bottom surface to define the enclosed chamber, said self-supporting tubular support means having opposing ends each adapted to couple to one of said enclosure coupling members to further support the enclosure in the tent-like state;

(c) at least one access means for inserting and removing materials, formed through said sheet; and

(d) means for selectively opening and closing said access means.

24. The impermeable containment apparatus as in claim 23 wherein at least one of said ports and at least one tubular plastic sleeve for inserting arms therein are positioned along said longitudinal tubular sheeting.

25. The impermeable containment apparatus as in claim 23 wherein at least one tubular plastic sleeve for inserting arms therein may be positioned on said first end and said second end.

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