

[54] PACKAGE FOR A LIQUID SAMPLE AND AN ASSOCIATED METHOD FOR PACKAGING A LIQUID SAMPLE

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[57] ABSTRACT

A package and packaging method for a flowable sample such as perfume, lipstick, etc. in which the sample is sealed in a flexible envelope of film material and the envelope is in turn supported by a protective enclosure having greater rigidity than the envelope. The envelope is engaged around a portion of its perimetral extent to leave the envelope exposed outside the engaged portion and free and unsupported along the remaining portion of its perimetral extent. The envelope has a sealed pocket in which the sample is contained and the pocket is receivable in an opening in the protective enclosure. The protective enclosure is thicker than the envelope so that if pressure is applied to the pocket it will enter the opening, and be recessed and confined between the outer surfaces of the protective enclosure. The envelope can be removed in intact sealed state from the enclosure by manually engaging the exposed portion and pulling with sufficient force to overcome a detachable connection of the envelope to the enclosure. The pocket of the envelope is opened by unpeeling the surrounding seal. In an alternative embodiment, the pocket is opened while the envelope remains secured to the enclosure.

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