

29. Applicator as claimed in claim 1, wherein the available gas-pervious surface area is determined by coating a predetermined proportion of the gas-pervious surface area with a coating of little or no permeability.

30. An applicator as claimed in claim 1, wherein the volatile substance is an air freshener substance, scent, or insect or animal repellent.

31. An applicator means as claimed in claim 1 for holding a gas-evolving or vapour-evolving pest control agent or substance, comprising at least two sheets of sheet material bonded together by heat-welded welding seams to form a pocket or pockets for containing a substance from which vapors or gases are to be released, one sheet being composed of a spun-bonded, synthetic paper polyolefin first sheet or fleece which is composed of heat and pressure bonded minute polyolefin fibers and which is vapor- and gas-pervious but impervious to liquid water and use, naturally water-resistant and of high tensile and tear strength, and a second sheet composed of a thermoplastic foil or film weldable to the first sheet and having a melting point or region sufficiently lower than that of the first sheet to permit heat welding together the two sheets substan-

tially without damage to the first sheet without a special bonding layer.

32. Applicator as claimed in claim 31 in the form of individual sachets or of bag blankets.

33. Applicator as claimed in claim 31 in which a sachet or pocket contains a metal phosphide pest control agent.

34. Applicator as claimed in claim 33, wherein the agent is based on aluminium phosphide, magnesium phosphide, calcium phosphide or more than one of these.

35. Applicator as claimed in claim 34, wherein the agent is technical aluminum phosphide or technical magnesium phosphide or a mixture of these phosphides, substantially free of additives or containing not more than a hydrophobising amount of a hydrophobising agent.

36. Applicator as claimed in claim 1, in the form of a belt device comprising a plurality of sachets or pockets connected end to end by hinge-like flexible regions of the belt, one end of the belt being folded over and fixed to form a loop which accommodates a stirrup device for the insertion of the belt into bulk commodities and the opposite end of the belt comprising a loop device for subsequent withdrawal of the belt.

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