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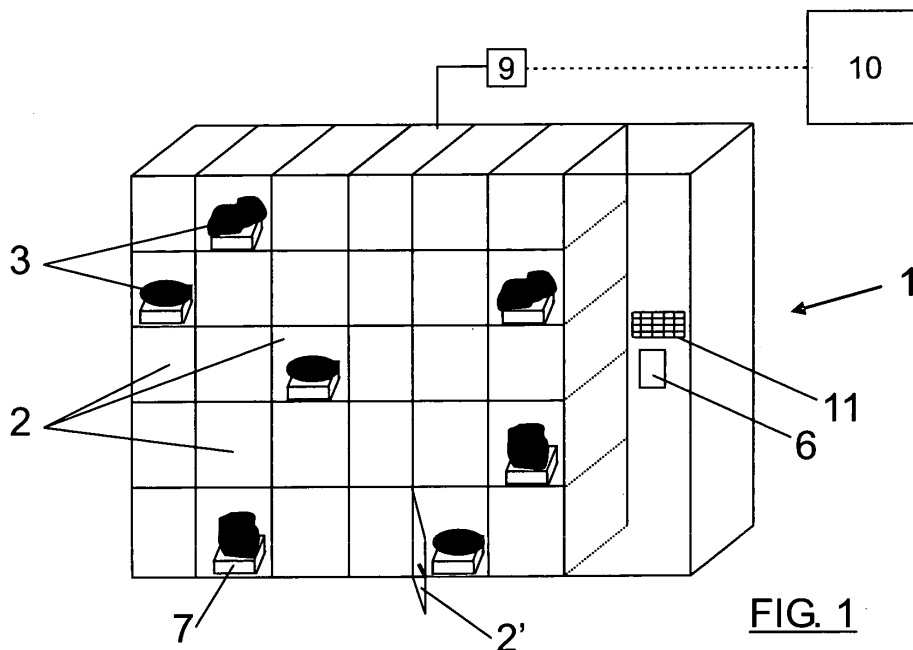
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(54) **Fresh menu dispensing machine**

(57) The invention relates to a fresh menu dispensing system, comprising a dispensing machine (1) with a control unit (9) connected remotely to a control centre (10). The machine (1) has compartments (2) with the products (3) to be dispensed, each product (3) with a unique identifier; weighing means (7) in each compartment (2) responsible for weighing the products (3) and sending said information to the control centre (10); and reading means (6) reading the unique identifier of the products (3). The

control centre (10) has a database in which each unique identifier of the product (3) has information assigned thereto with the expiry date of each product (3), the prefixed weight of the product (3) and the type of product that it is. The control centre (10) has the inventory of the machine in real time, updated when the products (3) are removed from or replaced in the machine (1). The machine (1) only dispenses products (3) with a valid expiry date.



**FIG. 1**

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