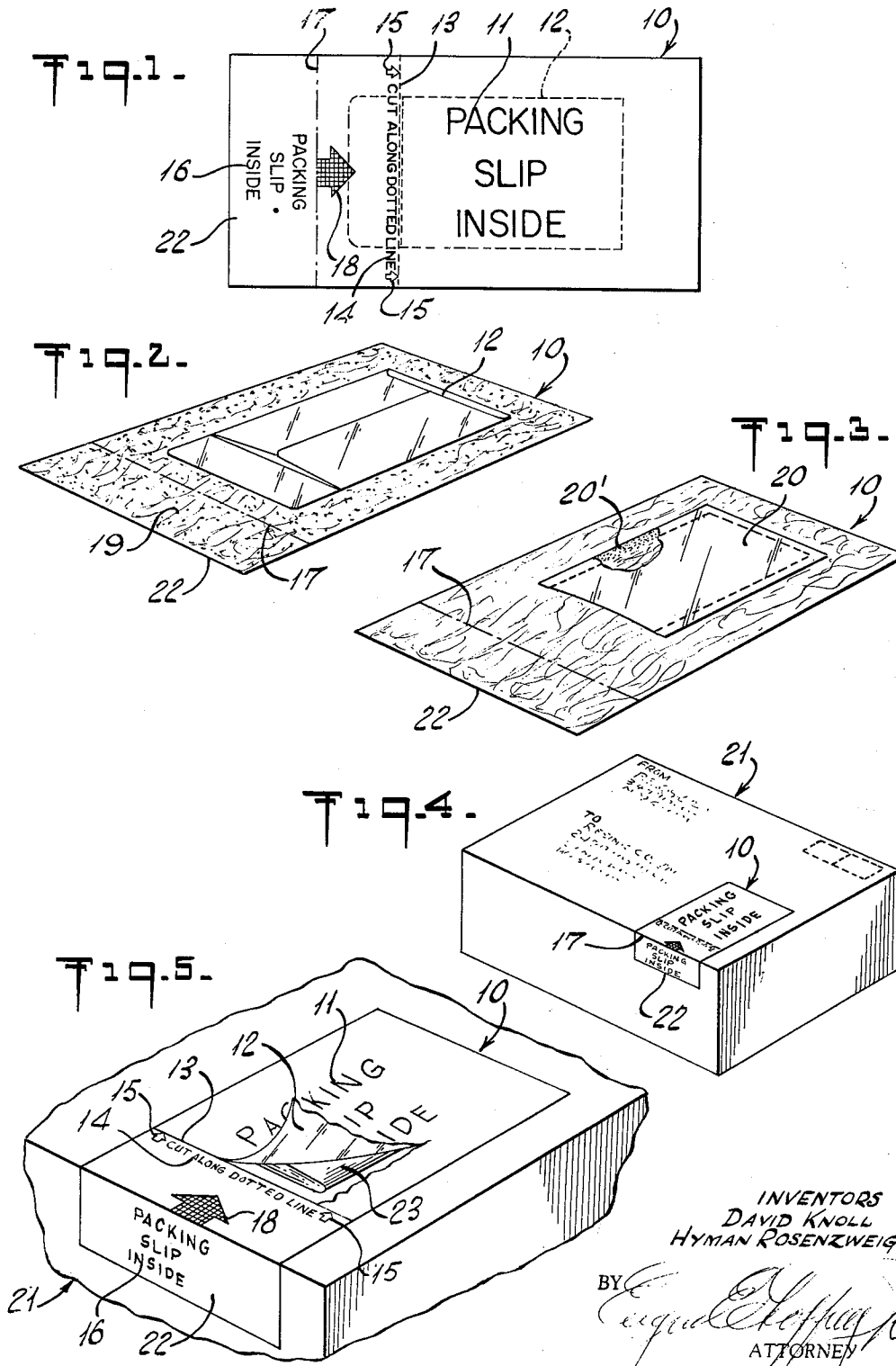


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This invention relates to protective jackets for documents and more specifically, a novel and improved document jacket and mode of attachment to outer surfaces of shipping containers.

In many instances, containers, boxes, crates, packages and the like used in the transfer of commercial goods require, for immediate identification of contents, packing slips or related shipping documents attached to the outside. This is generally accomplished in a number of different ways, such as sealing an envelope against the outer surface of a shipping container with adhesives, tapes or the like.

It has been found that the diverse methods used in the past to protect and adhere documents accompanying shipments to their containers are not only time-consuming and expensive, but also often ineffectual. Quite frequently the documents are torn off, lost, mutilated or otherwise ill-effected during shipment and in handling of the containers. Furthermore, location of documents attached often created difficulties since envelopes or other protective covers holding the papers may be hidden from sight especially when the containers are stacked.

One objective of this invention resides in the provision of an improved jacket wherein information accompanying commercial shipments may be placed and which may be quickly and securely attached to outside surfaces of shipping containers.

Another objective of this invention resides in the provision of a jacket for papers accompanying shipments which is waterproof and which by virtue of its design affords greater protection for the documents enclosed.

A further objective of this invention encompasses the provision of a jacket for documents accompanying containers of commercial goods which is readily identified as such and which is more easily visible from at least two surfaces of these containers.

A still further objective of this invention resides in the provision of a standard shipping document jacket which is prominently marked and includes instructions for safe removal of said documents from the container upon arrival at the destination.

The above and additional objectives and advantages will become more apparent from the following description and drawings forming part of this application.

In the drawings:

FIG. 1 is a plan view of one form of a document jacket in accordance with the invention.

FIG. 2 is a perspective view of the reverse side of the jacket shown in FIG. 1.

FIG. 3 is a perspective view of a modified version of a document jacket in accordance with the invention.

FIG. 4 is a perspective view of a shipping container carrying a document jacket in accordance with the invention.

FIG. 5 is an enlarged view of part of a shipping container, having the jacket secured thereto, which has been opened, for removal of the documents therein.

Broadly, this invention contemplates the provision of a new document jacket for improved attachment and increase protection of shipping records or related papers required to be placed on the outside surface of certain packaged commercial shipments.

More specifically, this invention utilizes a strip of heavy paper of suitable size, carrying an identifying inscription

in prominent lettering on one side and a waterproof jacket of smaller dimensions centrally secured to the other side, with gummed surfaces surrounding the jacket.

In practical application, records or related papers accompanying a shipment are placed within this jacket, the gummed surface is moistened and readily adhered to the outside of a package or similar container, securely sealing the jacket on all sides against a container. To further facilitate locating the documents on a box, the heavy paper strip bears an additional identifying imprint along one of the end sections. This portion of the gummed paper is folded in adhering the jacket to one surface of a package so that its location becomes prominently visible on a second surface. Arrows and instructions for safe removal of the documents may also be included.

Referring now to the drawings, a suggested layout of identification and instructions printed on the protecting cover 10 is shown in FIG. 1. The heavy paper cover carries in bold letters an identifying inscription 11 as is evident in the drawing, which may read "Packing Slip Inside" or may carry any similar identifying statement such as "Shipping Documents" or the like. The lettering may be orange or any similar attention-drawing color. A waterproof jacket 12 of wax paper, glassine or any other suitable material is mounted on the underside of this heavy cover 10, and a dotted line 13 is printed across the cover to coincide with the opening of the jacket 12. Instructions 14, such as "Cut Along Dotted Line" or "Cut Here for Documents" and the like, may be printed adjacent to the dotted line, and arrows 15 may be added to point out more prominently this line. To facilitate access to the documents retained within the jacket 12, the dotted line 13 could be scored or provided with embossments, which would still further enhance the efficiency of this cover 10. One end of the cover is provided with an additional identifying overprint 16 similar or the same as shown in 11. This part of the cover may be folded along the line 17 so that upon adhering this cover to the top surface of a shipping container, this last printed portion of the cover appears on a front or side surface of a package, readily visible to indicate the location of the accompanying documents. A heavily inked arrow 18 may be placed on this last folded portion or immediately above it to further facilitate location of the documents.

FIG. 2 shows the reverse side of the cover 10, having the document jacket 12 adhered thereto. The complete surface 19 surrounding the jacket 12 carries a film of water-soluble adhesive or gum which provides the sealing bond between the cover 10 and a package on which it is placed.

FIG. 3 shows a similar cover 10 provided with a modified document jacket 20, consisting of a single sheet of the size required for retention of the documents. This sheet is adhered to the cover along the edges 20' having an opening along line 13. In this modified form, the cover 10 does not carry adhesive throughout the area defined by the jacket created by the sheet 20, to prevent the documents to be enclosed therein from adhering to the cover. The cover is shown folded along edge 17, to indicate one mode of application of this embodiment of the invention.

The embodiments of this invention are shown in FIG. 4 secured to the top surface of a package 21, having area 22 folded along the line 17 and adhered to one of the side surfaces as previously described.

An enlarged section of the package of FIG. 4 is shown in FIG. 5. In this instance, the cover has been cut or otherwise opened along the dotted line 13 showing the documents 23 readily available for removal from the jacket 12.

From the foregoing description and accompanying drawings, it becomes evident that the proposed jacket of-

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fers a most practical, efficient and secure procedure for securing documents accompanying commercial shipments on the outside of shipping containers. Moreover, they are afforded a high degree of protection, and the location of the documents is prominently identified on more than one surface of the container.

While only certain embodiments of the invention have been illustrated and described, it is understood that modifications, alterations and changes may be made without departing from the true scope and spirit thereof as defined by the appended claim.

What is claimed is:

The combination with a shipping container having merchandise packed therein of a shipping document carrying means secured to the outer surface thereof, said carrying means comprising an envelope enclosing said shipping document, including an opening, a protective sheet secured to the back side of said envelope by an adhesive carried on one surface of said protective sheet, said adhesive coated protective sheet being substantially larger than said envelope and extending beyond the pe-

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riphery thereof and said extending portions being secured to a surface of said container, and the other surface of said protective sheet carrying prominent identifying indicia, including a mark extending transversely of the sheet and defining the preferred position for cutting said sheet to gain access to said envelope and a second mark in spaced relationship to the first said mark and defining an end portion of said protective sheet, the last said mark being preferably disposed at one edge of said container with said end portion secured to a second surface of said container adjoining the first said surface.

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