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(54) **TEAR STRIP ACCESS ON PACKAGING**

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(57) **CLAIM**

I claim the ornamental design for tear strip access on packaging, as shown and described.

DESCRIPTION

The sole FIGURE is a plan view of a tear strip access on packaging according to the invention.

The lines depicted as “- - -” represent a perforated line forming part of the claimed design and defining the outer boundary of the claim while lines depicted as “. — 0 . . —” represent environmental structure forming no part of the claimed design.

1 Claim, 1 Drawing Sheet



