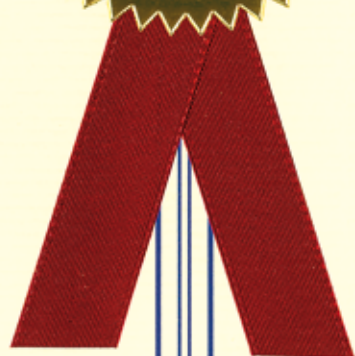


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(54) **AUTOMATED SYSTEM FOR CONTROLLED DISTRIBUTION OF SUBSTANCES TO ANIMAL CONTAINMENT DEVICES IN AN ANIMAL HOUSING FACILITY**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

An automated system for the distribution of substances to animal containment devices in an animal housing facility. The present invention also relates to a dosing device of substances, such as solid or liquid feed, which is part of said system, and to the method for dispensing feed implemented by said system. Furthermore, the present invention also relates to a method for automated dispensing of substances to animal containment devices in an animal housing facility.

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