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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- Box No. II Priority
- Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application


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Box No. I Basis of the opinion

1. With regard to the **language**, this opinion has been established on the basis of:
 - the international application in the language in which it was filed.
 - a translation of the international application into , which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (Rules 12.3(a) and 23.1 (b)).
2. This opinion has been established taking into account the **rectification of an obvious mistake** authorized by or notified to this Authority under Rule 91 (Rule 43bis.1(a))
3. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, this opinion has been established on the basis of a sequence listing:
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5. Additional comments:

Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes: Claims	<u>2, 3, 8-10</u>
	No: Claims	<u>1, 4-7, 11, 12</u>
Inventive step (IS)	Yes: Claims	<u>2, 3, 8-10</u>
	No: Claims	<u>1, 4-7, 11, 12</u>
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes: Claims	<u>1-12</u>
	No: Claims	

2. Citations and explanations

see separate sheet

Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

The following observations on the clarity of the claims, description, and drawings or on the question whether the claims are fully supported by the description, are made:

see separate sheet

Re Item V

Reasoned statement with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

Reference is made to the following documents:

- D1 DE 90 06 941 U1 23 August 1990 (1990-08-23)
- D2 GB 2 273 736 A (CITIZEN WATCH CO LTD [JP]) 29 June 1994
(1994-06-29)

- 1 The present application does not meet the criteria of patentability, because the subject-matter of claim 1 is not new.

D1 which is regarded as being the prior art closest discloses se Fig. 1-3, the reference in brackets applying to this document:

A child safety lock apparatus comprising:

- a first anchoring unit (1); and
- a flexible or rigid elongate strap member (2) connected to a second anchoring unit (Fig.1) at its first end, and to a lock unit (9) at its second end (Fig.1);

wherein the first anchoring unit (1) comprises:

- a) a base plate (210) adapted for fastening to a surface; and
- b) an anchoring section (3) connected to the base plate (base plate of (3) in unit (1)), and configured as a protrusion with two opposing cavities (6, 7);

wherein the lock unit (9) comprises:

- a) a base plate (base of (9)) adapted for being connected to the flexible or rigid elongate strap member (2), and comprising an opening (Fig.3 opening oriented to the bottom) adapted for receiving the anchoring section (3) through a first surface side (Fig.3 surface around the opening to the bottom);
 - b) two sliding members (14, 14), each adapted for slidingly engagement with one another, and adapted for sliding, in opposite direction in relation to one another, on the base plate (321) on the opposing surface side (Fig.2 surface in contact with each sliding member oriented to the top of the base of (9)) to the first surface side (Fig.3 surface around the opening to the bottom);
- wherein each sliding member (14, 14) comprises a first protrusion (15) adapted for fitting into one of the two opposing cavities (6, 7) in the anchoring section (3) of the anchoring unit (1).

D1 discloses all the features of the claim 1, therefore the subject-matter of independent claim 1 is not new.

D1 disclosed all the features of the dependent claims 4-7 and 11, therefore the subject-matter of independent claims 4-7 and 11 is not new.

- claim 4, see Fig.3 opening in (9) to guide the pin 13.
- claim 5, see Fig.2.
- claim 6, see Fig.1 and description page 6, first paragraph.
- claim 7, see Figs 2,3.

As the method steps of claim 12 are known from D1, the subject-matter of independent claim 12 is not new.

Furthermore D1 disclosed all the features of the claims 1, 4-7,11 and 12 see figures 1-6, therefore the subject-matter of independent claims 1, 4-7,11 and 12 is not new.

Re Item VIII

Certain observations on the international application

- 2 The application does not meet the requirements of Article 6 PCT.
- 2.1 The following wording used in the claim 2 attempt to define the subject-matter in terms of the result to be achieved :

"configured such that the anchoring section (220) must be inserted into and removed from the opening (322) of the base plate (321) at an oblique angle."

The functional statements and the missing technical features do not enable the skilled person to determine which technical features are necessary to perform the stated function.
- 3 A new independent claim may be drafted cl.1 + cl.11.
