

CLAIMS:

1. A rod comprising a first sheet of a first tobacco material and a second sheet formed of a second tobacco material ~~at least one further continuous element of a second tobacco material~~ gathered together with the first sheet of the first tobacco material and circumscribed by a wrapper, in which both the first tobacco material and the second tobacco material are homogenised tobacco material, the second tobacco material being chemically different to the first tobacco material.
2. A rod according to claim 1 in which both the first and second tobacco materials comprise an aerosol-former, the proportion by weight of aerosol-former in the first tobacco material being different to the proportion by weight of aerosol-former in the second tobacco material.
3. A rod according to claim 1 or 2 in which the first tobacco material comprises a first aerosol-former and the second tobacco material comprises a second aerosol-former different to the first aerosol-former.
- ~~4. A rod according to claim 1, 2, or 3, in which the at least one further continuous element is a tape, ribbon, strip, or thread of the second tobacco material.~~
- ~~5. A rod according to claim 1, 2, or 3, in which the at least one further continuous element is a second sheet formed of the second tobacco material.~~
- ~~6.4. A rod according to claim 5~~ any preceding claim in which at least one of the first and second sheets of tobacco material is crimped.
- ~~7.5. A rod according to any preceding claim in which at least one of the first tobacco material and the second tobacco material is homogenised tobacco material.~~
- ~~8. A rod according to any preceding claim in which both the first and second tobacco materials comprise an aerosol-former, the proportion by weight of aerosol-former in the first tobacco material being different to the proportion by weight of aerosol-former in the second tobacco material.~~
- ~~9. A rod according any preceding claim in which the first tobacco material comprises a first aerosol-former and the second tobacco material comprises a second aerosol-former different to the first aerosol-former.~~
- ~~10.6.~~ _____ A rod according to any preceding claim comprising a ~~third~~ further continuous element of a third tobacco material.
- ~~11.7.~~ _____ An aerosol-generating article, for example a smoking article, comprising a rod according to any of claims 1 to ~~106~~.
- ~~12.8.~~ _____ An aerosol-forming substrate for a heated aerosol-generating article, comprising a rod according to any of claims 1 to ~~106~~.

~~13.9.~~ An aerosol-generating article comprising a combustible heat source and an aerosol-forming substrate according to claim ~~12.8~~ located downstream of the combustible heat source.

~~14.10.~~ An aerosol-generating article for use in an electrically-operated aerosol-generating system comprising an aerosol-forming substrate according to claim ~~12.8~~.

~~15.11.~~ A system comprising an electrically-operated aerosol-generating apparatus and an aerosol-generating article for use with the apparatus, the aerosol-generating article comprising an aerosol-forming substrate according to claim ~~12.8~~.

~~16.12.~~ A method of forming a rod comprising the steps of:

providing a first continuous sheet of a first tobacco material;

providing a further continuous ~~element-sheet~~ of a second tobacco material;

simultaneously gathering together the first continuous sheet and the further continuous ~~elements~~sheet;

circumscribing the gathered first and second tobacco materials with a wrapper to form a continuous rod; and

severing the continuous rod into a plurality of discrete rods, ~~in which~~ in which both the first tobacco material and the second tobacco material are homogenised tobacco material, the first tobacco material ~~is-being~~ chemically different to the second tobacco material.

~~17.13.~~ A ~~The~~ method according to claim ~~16.12~~ in which at least the first continuous sheet of the first tobacco material is crimped prior to being gathered.

~~18. A method according to claim 16 or claim 17 in which the further continuous element is a tape, ribbon, strip, or thread of the second tobacco material~~

~~19. A method according to claim 16 or claim 17 in which the further continuous element is a second sheet formed of the second tobacco material~~

~~20.14.~~ A ~~The~~ method according to claim ~~19.12~~ in which both the first continuous sheet and the ~~second~~ further continuous sheet are crimped prior to being gathered.