CLAIMS

1. A tobacco cut filler comprising a first tobacco material cut in accordance with a first cut specification, wherein the first cut specification sets at least predetermined first cut width and first cut length corresponding to a final cut width and a final cut length in the tobacco cut filler when used in a tobacco product, wherein the cut length distribution among the cut strips of the first tobacco material is at least bimodal.

2. A tobacco cut filler according to claim 1, further comprising a second tobacco material cut in accordance with a second cut specification differing from the first cut specification for at least one of cut length and cut width.

3. A tobacco cut filler according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the first tobacco material is a pre-processed tobacco material.

4. A tobacco cut filler according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein the first tobacco material is a reconstituted tobacco sheet.

5. A tobacco cut filler according to any one of claims 2 to 4, wherein the second tobacco material is a natural tobacco leaf material.

6. A tobacco cut filler according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein the first tobacco material is shredded into strips having a cut length from 5 mm to 60 mm.

7. A tobacco cut filler according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein the cut length distribution among the cut strips of the first tobacco material is trimodal.

8. A tobacco cut filler according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein the first tobacco material is shredded into strips having a cut width from 0.2 mm to 1 mm.

9. A tobacco cut filler according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein the first tobacco material is shredded into strips from a sheet material having a thickness from 0.05 mm to 1 mm.

10. A tobacco cut filler according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein the first tobacco material is shredded into strips having a sinusoidal shape, wherein a wave length of the sinusoidal shape is from 1 mm to 15 mm.

11. A tobacco cut filler according to any one of claims 1 to 9, wherein the first tobacco material is shredded into strips each comprising at least a first strip structure comprising a branching node from which a further strip structure branches off, forming an angle with the first strip structure.

12. A tobacco cut filler according to any one of claims 1 to 9, wherein the first tobacco material is shredded into strips each comprising at least a first, a second and a third strip structures, wherein the first strip structure comprises a node from which the second strip structure branches off, the second strip structure comprises a second node from which the third strip structure branches off.

13. A tobacco cut filler according to any one of the preceding claims, having a filling power of at least 3.5 cubic centimetres per gram at a reference moisture value of 12.5 percent oven volatiles.

14. A smoking article comprising a rod of a tobacco cut filler according to any one of claims 1 to 13.

15. A method of making tobacco cut filler comprising:
providing a first tobacco material;
cutting the first tobacco material into strips in accordance with a first cut specification setting at least predetermined first cut width and first cut length, wherein the cut length distribution among the cut strips of the first tobacco material is at least bimodal.

16. A method according to claim 15, comprising:
providing a second tobacco material;

cutting the second tobacco material separately from the first tobacco material and in accordance with a second cut specification, the second cut specification differing from the first cut specification for at least one of cut length and cut width; and
blending the cut first tobacco material and the cut second tobacco material.

17. A method according to claim 15 or 16, wherein the first tobacco material is a pre-processed tobacco material.

18. A method according to any one of claims 15 to 17, wherein the first tobacco material is a reconstituted tobacco sheet.

19. A method according to any one of claims 15 to 18, further comprising conditioning the first tobacco material prior to cutting the first tobacco material.

20. A method according to claim 18, comprising controlling the moisture content of the cut filler by adjusting the moisture content of the first tobacco material.

21. A method according to any one of claims 15 to 20, further comprising adjusting the moisture content of the second tobacco material.