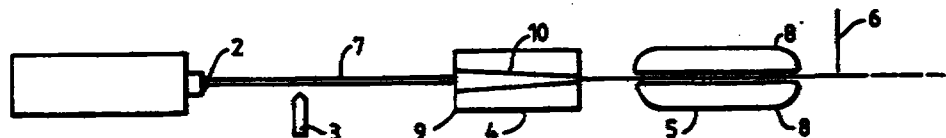




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## (57) Abstract

The invention relates to a method and apparatus for the downstream handling of water-soluble polysaccharide-containing extruded tobacco smoke filtration material. During conveying of the extrudate from the extruder die (2) of an extruder to a cutter (6), the extrudate is heated, shaped and cooled to provide tobacco smoke filtration material of desired dimensions and physical characteristics.

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