CLAIMS

1. A smoking article comprising:

a tobacco rod; and

a filter connected to the tobacco rod, the filter comprising:

a first filter segment; and

a hollow tube segment downstream of the first filter segment, the hollow tube segment defining a cavity at the mouth end of the filter providing an unrestricted flow channel that extends from the downstream end of the first filter segment to the mouth end of the filter,

wherein the length of the hollow tube segment is at least about 25 percent, and less than about 50 percent, of the overall filter length and wherein the smoking article comprises a ventilation zone in communication with the cavity at a location along the hollow tube segment,

wherein the ventilation zone is located from about 10 mm to about 15 mm upstream from the mouth end of the filter.

2. A smoking article according to claim 1, wherein the length of the hollow tube segment is less than about 25 mm.

3. A smoking article according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein the length of the hollow tube segment is at least about 10 mm.

4. A smoking article according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein the ventilation zone is located at least about 1 mm downstream from the downstream end of the first filter segment.

5. A smoking article according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein the ventilation zone comprises at least one circumferential row of perforations provided through the hollow tube segment.