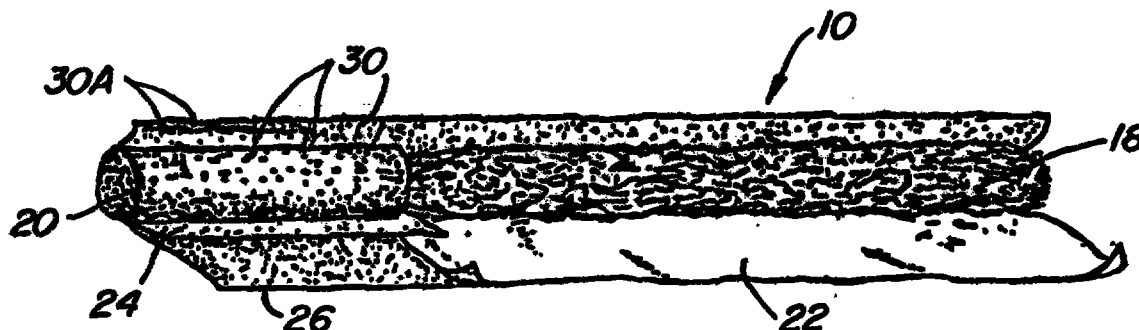


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(57) Abstract

A substantially pure Vitamin E type compound is added to tobacco and non-tobacco for a smokeable or smokeless product to achieve less irritation and antioxidant benefits. In a preferred embodiment, a substantially pure "dry" powdered ester analog of Vitamin E, such as Vitamin E acid succinate or spray dried Vitamin E acetate, is mixed directly with the tobacco or non-tobacco product during the manufacturing process. These Vitamin E analogs can also be inserted into a cigarette filter (20), holder and/or paper (26), either in powdered form or in microencapsulated form. Although not preferred, a common oily form of Vitamin E can be used in the present invention so long as it does not ruin the appearance and function of the smokeable or smokeless product.