

ABSTRACT

METHOD FOR MOULDING A FOOD PRODUCT

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The present invention relates to a method and apparatus for the moulding and fast chilling of a food product, preferably a confectionery product. The method comprises the following steps

10 a) depositing a solidifiable food product (5) into a series of moulds (2) attached to a chilled roller (3) wherein the food product at least partly solidifies in the mould, b) rotating the chilled roller (3) to move the series of moulds with food product into contact with a conveyor belt (6) sufficiently soon after deposition to prevent distortion of the exterior surface

15 of the food product as the moulds move away from the horizontal and c) separating the at least partly solidified food product (1) from the moulds onto the conveyor belt. An alternative embodiment of the present invention comprises a method of moulding a food product (5) comprising the steps a) depositing

20 a solidifiable food product sequentially into a series of moulds (2) attached to a chilled roller (3) wherein a chilled plate (12) is lowered onto the mould during deposition and whereby the food product at least partly solidifies in the mould b) rotating the chilled roller and c) separating the at

25 least partly solidified food product (1) from the moulds.

Figure 1

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