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1. A cut piece of a flavor-containing sheet comprising a non-volatile matrix and a flavor dispersed in the non-volatile matrix, characterized in that the cut piece has a hexahedral shape obtained by cutting a flavor-containing sheet having a thickness of 0.1 mm or less in longitudinal and latitudinal directions along the thickness direction; a ratio of an area of cutting planes to a volume is 3.0 or less; a ratio of a length of a long side to that of a short side is 10 or less; ~~and~~ the length of the long side is less than a diameter of a cigarette rod to be produced; and the non-volatile matrix comprises gellan gum and tamarind gum.

2. The cut piece of the flavor-containing sheet according to claim 1, characterized in that the ratio of the area of the cutting planes to the volume is 2.0 or less; the ratio of the length of the long side to that of the short side is 5 or less; and the length of the long side is 1/2 or less of the diameter of the cigarette rod to be produced.

~~The cut piece of a flavor-containing sheet, characterized in that~~

~~when, in regard to a shape of the cut piece, the short side is defined as x, the long side is defined as y, a thickness is defined as t, a ratio of the long side/short side is defined as r, the area of the cutting planes is defined as A, the volume of the cut piece is defined as V, and a ratio of the area of the cutting planes/volume is α, the following formulae hold:~~

~~$r = y/x$ (in the case of $y \geq x$) ... (1),~~

~~$A = 2xt + 2yt$ ... (2),~~

~~$V = xyt$ ... (3), and~~

~~$\alpha = 2(x + y)/xy$ ... (4); and~~

~~the cut piece has y, α, and r which satisfy the following formula:~~

~~$r \leq (\alpha y - 2)/2$ ... (5).~~

3. The cut piece of the flavor-containing sheet according to claim 1, characterized in that the cut piece has a quadrangular prism shape.

~~4. The cut piece of the flavor-containing sheet according to claim 1, characterized in that the non-volatile matrix comprises a polysaccharide.~~

4~~5~~. The cut piece of the flavor-containing sheet according to claim 1, characterized in that the flavor comprises l-menthol.

5. The cut piece of the flavor-containing sheet according to claim 1, characterized in that the thickness of the flavor-containing sheet is 0.1 mm.