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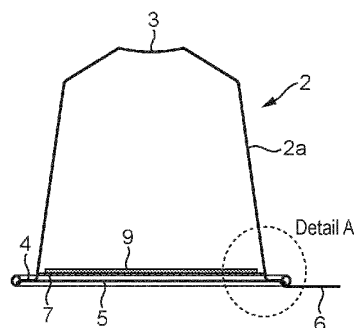


FIG. 2a

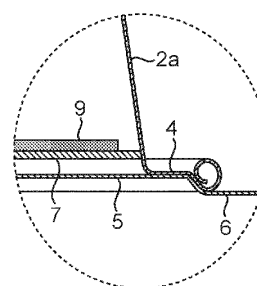


FIG. 2b

(57) **Abstract:** The invention relates to capsule for preparing a beverage comprising - a substantially rigid capsule body having a circumferential sidewall extending around an inner space of the capsule, said inner space being at least partially filled with a beverage ingredient suitable for preparing the beverage, - a base wall covering the inner space at a first end of the sidewall, - a flange arranged circumferentially at a second end of the sidewall of the base body, - a lid covering the inner space at a second end of the sidewall opposite the base wall and tightly closing the capsule, and - a filter element positioned in the inner space of the capsule between the beverage ingredient and the lid; and - a carrier disk provided in the inner space of the capsule, wherein the lid is removably attached to the flange for use of the capsule in a beverage preparation device, and wherein the carrier disk is provided between the lid and the filter, said carrier disk comprising multiple preformed outlet openings suitable for draining the prepared beverage from the inner space when the capsule is used in the beverage preparation device. The invention also relates to a system comprising said capsule to a manufacturing method for manufacturing said capsule and to the use of said capsule.

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