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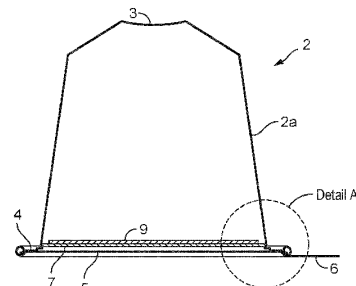


FIG. 2A

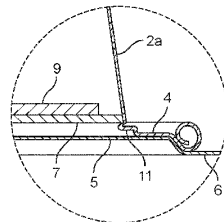


FIG. 2B

(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 rigid base wall, integral with the capsule body, the base wall covering the inner space at a first end of the sidewall, - a flange arranged circumferentially around an open side of the capsule at a second end of the sidewall of the base body opposite the base wall, - a lid covering the inner space and the open side of the capsule at a second end of the sidewall opposite the base wall and tightly closing the capsule, the lid being removably attached to the flange for use of the capsule in a beverage preparation device, 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. According to the invention the carrier disk is positioned in the inner space

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of the capsule between the lid and the filter, said carrier disk comprising multiple preformed outlet openings suitable for draining the prepared beverage from the inner space towards the outside of the capsule when the capsule is used in the beverage preparation device; and the carrier disk comprises between 50 and 150 outlet openings and the open surface ratio of the carrier disk is higher than 4%. The invention also relates to a system comprising said capsule and to the use of said capsule and system.