CLAIMS:

1. An inner package for smoking articles comprising:

a flexible multilayer packaging material comprising

a moisture barrier layer (230); and

a moisture control layer (210) comprising a moisture controlling material,

wherein the moisture controlling material is a material that can sorb or desorb moisture, and

wherein the moisture control layer defines all or substantially all of a sealed inner surface of the inner package.

2. An inner package according to claim 1, wherein the moisture control layer is moisture permeable.

3. An inner package according to claim 3, wherein the moisture control layer is a heat sealable layer.

4. An inner package according to any one of claims 1 to 3, wherein the moisture barrier layer and the moisture control layer are sealable layers.

5. An inner package according to any one of claims 1 to 4, wherein an additional heat-sealable layer is positioned on the moisture barrier layer as an outer layer.

6. An inner package according to any one of claims 1 to 5, wherein an additional heat-sealable layer is positioned on the moisture controlling layer as an inner layer, wherein the additional heat-sealable layer is moisture permeable.

7. An inner package according to 6, wherein the additional heat-sealable layer is free of the moisture controlling material.

8. An inner package according to any one of claims 1 to 7, wherein the moisture permeable layer has a water vapor transmission rate of greater than 20 g/m^2 per 24h @ 38°C and 90% relative humidity.

9. An inner package according to any one of claims 1 to 8, wherein the moisture barrier layer has a water vapor transmission rate of less than or equal to 20 g/m^2 per 24h @ 38°C and 90% relative humidity.

10. An inner package according to any one of claims 1 to 9, wherein the moisture controlling material is configured to maintain a relative humidity between 20% and 90% in a interior volume defined by the packaging material when sealed.

11. An inner package according to any of claims 1 to 10, wherein the moisture controlling material comprises a humidity regulating salt solution.

12. An inner package according to claim 11, wherein the humidity regulating salt solution is selected from the group consisting of potassium carbonate solution, magnesium acetate solution, sodium acetate solution, ammonium chloride solution, ammonium nitrate solution, and sodium bromide solution.

13. An inner package according to claim 11 or claim 12, wherein the humidity regulating salt solution is impregnated in a polymer carrier.

14. An inner package according to any one of claims 1 to 10, wherein the moisture controlling material comprises a polyether polyamide.

15. A container, comprising:

a housing comprising a box and a lid hingedly attached to the box; and

an inner package according to any one of claims 1 to 14 disposed within the housing and defining an interior volume for housing one or more smoking articles,

wherein the inner package defines an access opening through which the one or more smoking articles can be removed, and

wherein the inner package comprises a resealable flap, wherein the access opening is covered by the flap when the flap is in a closed position, and wherein the access opening is at least partially uncovered when the flap is in an open position.