CLAIMS

1. A liquid delivery element comprising:

a first end and a second end;

a deformable outer container having at least one flexible wall; and

a frangible tubular element mounted within the deformable outer container and defining a longitudinal channel extending through the deformable outer container between the first end and the second end of the liquid delivery element,

wherein a cavity is defined between the at least one flexible wall of the deformable outer container and the frangible tubular element, the cavity containing a liquid which surrounds the frangible tubular element,

wherein the liquid delivery element is configured to release the liquid from the cavity when at least one wall of the frangible tubular element is broken, and

wherein the frangible tubular element is breakable upon application of a force to the liquid delivery element to deform the deformable outer container.

2. An aerosol-generating article comprising an aerosol-generating substrate and a mouthpiece secured to a downstream end of the aerosol-generating substrate, the mouthpiece comprising at least one segment of filter material and the liquid delivery element of claim 1, wherein the first end is an upstream end and the second end is a downstream end.

3. An aerosol-generating article according to claim 2 wherein the liquid delivery element is configured to deliver the liquid through the longitudinal channel of the frangible tubular element upon breakage of at least one wall of the frangible tubular element.

4. An aerosol-generating article according to claim 2 or 3 wherein the maximum outer diameter of the frangible tubular element is between 20 percent and 50 percent of the maximum outer diameter of the liquid delivery element.

5. An aerosol-generating article according to any one of claims 2 to 4, wherein the deformable outer container comprises a flexible outer tube, an upstream end wall at the upstream end of the flexible outer tube and a downstream end wall at the downstream end of the flexible outer tube, wherein each of the upstream end wall and the downstream end wall comprises an aperture and wherein the longitudinal channel of the frangible tubular element extends between the apertures.

6. An aerosol-generating article according to claim 5 wherein the frangible tubular element is mounted within at least one of the apertures in the upstream end wall and the downstream end wall of the deformable outer container.

7. An aerosol-generating article according to claim 5 or 6 wherein the frangible tubular element is integrally formed with at least one of the end walls of the deformable outer container.

8. An aerosol-generating article according to any of claims 5 to 7 wherein at least one of the end walls of the deformable outer container is non-deformable.

9. An aerosol-generating article according to any one of claims 2 to 8, wherein the at least one flexible wall of the deformable outer container is formed from a substantially transparent material.

10. An aerosol-generating article according to any one of claims 2 to 9, wherein the volume of liquid in the cavity between the deformable outer container and the frangible tubular element corresponds to less than 80 percent of the total volume of the cavity.

11. An aerosol-generating article according to any one of claims 2 to 10, wherein the resistance to draw of the aerosol-generating article before the liquid is delivered from the liquid delivery element into the at least one segment of filter material is no more than 30 millimetres of water gauge and greater than the resistance to draw of an aerosol-generating article having a corresponding construction but without the liquid delivery element.

12. An aerosol-generating article according to any one of claims 2 to 11, wherein the liquid delivery element and the at least one segment of filter material each have a substantially circular cross-sectional shape, and wherein the maximum diameter of the liquid delivery element is substantially the same as the maximum diameter of the at least one segment of filter material.

13. An aerosol-generating article according to any one of claims 2 to 12, wherein the at least one segment of filter material comprises an upstream filter segment and a downstream filter segment downstream of the upstream filter segment, and wherein the liquid delivery element is positioned between the upstream and downstream filter segments.

14. An aerosol-generating article according to any one of claims 2 to 13, wherein the frangible tubular element is formed from a polymeric material selected from polystyrene, polyethylene terephthalate, poly(methyl methacrylate) and combinations thereof.