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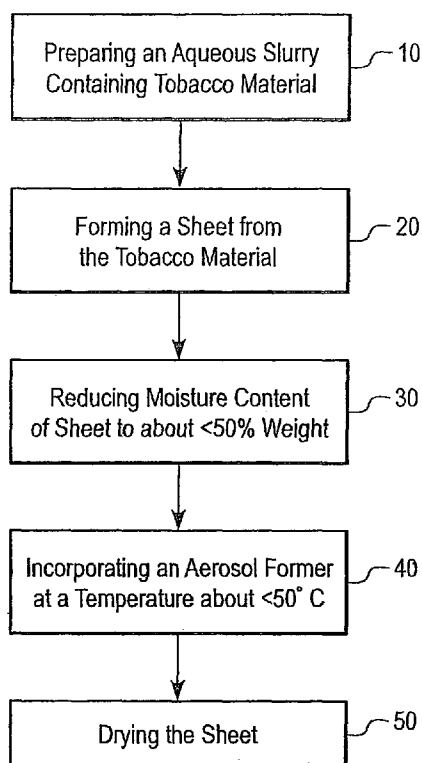


FIG. 1

(57) Abstract: A reconstituted tobacco sheet having a high content of aerosol former therein is manufactured by preparing an aqueous slurry containing a tobacco material 10 which is formed into a sheet 20. The moisture content of the sheet can be reduced to less than about 50% by weight 30 before incorporating an aerosol former such as glycerin 40, which can be at a temperature below about 40°C, followed by drying the sheet 50. The sheet can be thrashed, blended with natural tobacco strips, and shredded into a cut filler of a smoking article.

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