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A method and a unit for the formation of tapered cigarettes into groups

Title (de)

Verfahren und Einheit zum Bilden von Gruppen von frustokonischen Zigaretten

Title (fr)

Procédé et unité pour la formation de groupes de cigarettes frustoconiques

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Abstract (en)

Tapered cigarettes (2) are formed into groups (6), each comprising at least two layers (7) adjacently disposed, ordered in such a way that the tapered profiles of the single cigarettes (2) are oriented alternately and oppositely within each individual layer (7), and oppositely also in the one layer to the corresponding contiguous cigarettes (2) of the other layer. The groups (6) are formed by a unit (1) equipped with at least two loading stations (11), arranged in series, and at least one conveying pocket (10) which pauses at each station to receive two half-layers (8) of cigarettes (2) supplied in succession to respective feed stations (18) disposed on opposite sides of the station (11) and directed simultaneously into the pocket; the cigarettes (2) of each half-layer (8) are oriented identically one with another and oppositely to the cigarettes of the other half-layer (8). <IMAGE>

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