

Title (en)

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CONTROLLING A FREEZE DRYING PROCESS

Title (de)

VERFAHREN UND VORRICHTUNG ZUR STEUERUNG EINES GEFRIERTROCKNUNGSPROZESSES

Title (fr)

PROCEDE ET DISPOSITIF DE COMMANDE D'UN PROCESSUS DE LYOPHILISATION

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Abstract (en)

[origin: DE19719398A1] The invention relates to a method for controlling a freeze drying process, wherein a frozen product is arranged on temperable surfaces in an air-evacuated chamber (1) and undergoes a main drying and after-drying phase. During the main drying phase the temperature of the ice surrounding said product is continuously measured. The pressure in the chamber and/or the temperature of the surfaces are modified during transition from the main drying phase to the after-drying phase. In order to avoid longer idle periods between the chamber (1) and the evacuation device (3, 4, 14) and to determine transition from the main drying phase to the after-drying phase, the invention provides that the pressure and/or the temperature of the surfaces characterizing said transition should be modified according to changes in the temperature of the ice.

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