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(54) **Multi-component filter for a smoking article**

(57) A multi-component filter (4) for a smoking article comprises: a mouth end segment (12); and a flavour release segment (14) upstream of the mouth end segment (12). The flavour release segment (14) comprises plant leaf and a filter plasticiser. The multi-component filter (4)

preferably further comprises a rod end segment (32) comprising filtration material upstream of the flavour release segment. Preferably, one or both of the mouth end segment (12) and the rod end segment (32) comprises at least one liquid flavourant. The rod end segment (32) may include a sorbent.

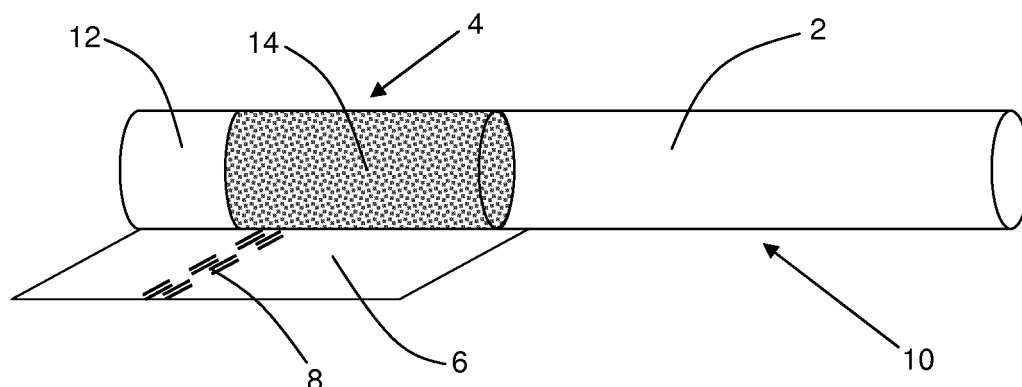


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