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(54) **INJECTION APPARATUS WITH LATERAL DRIVE ASSEMBLY**

(57) The present invention relates to an injection apparatus (I) for injecting an injectate, like brine, into a food product. The injection apparatus (I) comprises an injection tunnel (IT), a conveyor module (CM) for conveying the food product to be treated through the injection tunnel (IT) in a conveying direction (CD), wherein the conveyor module (CM) is at least approximately horizontally arranged in the injection tunnel (IT), an injector module (IM) for injecting the injectate into the food product, wherein the injector module (IM) is arranged above the conveyor module (CM), and a drive assembly (DA) for reversibly driving the injector module (IM) in vertical direction. In the injection apparatus (I), the drive assembly (DA) includes a single drive device (410) arranged laterally to the injection tunnel (IT).

Fig. 1

