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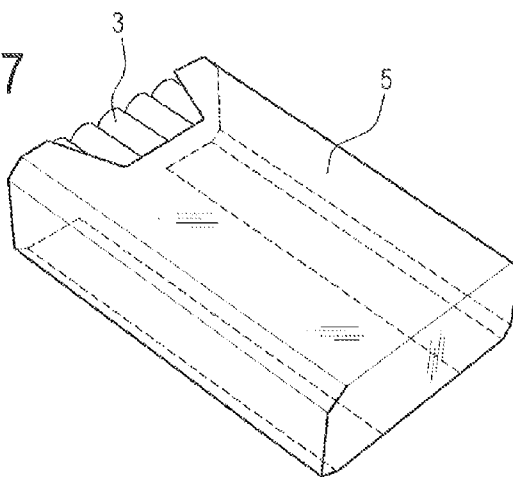
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FIG. 7



(57) Abstract: A packet (1) of cigarettes (2) or other smokable articles, a method for making such packet and a packing machine for packing such packet, wherein each of said smoking articles having a first and a second end (201, 202), is elongate in shape and extends along a longitudinal direction, said packet comprises: a group (3) of cigarettes, a sealed wrapper (4) enclosing the group (3) of cigarettes, made from a film (401) of thermoplastic material and having an extraction opening through which the cigarettes (2) can be taken out, a sealing panel (402) applied to the opening of the sealed wrapper (4), a reinforcing element (5), made of thin cardboard, located inside the sealed wrapper (4) in contact with the group (3) of cigarettes to surround it at least partly, and having a front wall (501), a rear wall (502), a first and a second side wall (503) and a bottom wall (504) positioned at a first end of the reinforcing element (5), in contact with the first end (201) of the cigarettes (2). The rear wall (502) of the reinforcing element (5) has a first and a second portion (513A, 513B) which are spaced along a direction transversal to the longitudinal direction and having a short side (514A) contiguous with the bottom wall (504) and a long side (514B) joined to the first or the second side wall (513), respectively.

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1. claims: 1-3, 6, 10-12, 14

How to prevent cigarettes from falling through a reinforcing element

2. claim: 4

How to provide a stable structure

3. claim: 5

How to facilitate taking out of the cigarettes from the packet

4. claims: 7-9, 13

How to join parts of a reinforcing element together

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How to form a packet of a group of cigarettes

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