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(54) **METHOD AND PACKING MACHINE FOR PRODUCING PACKETS OF CIGARETTES**

(57) A method and packing machine (1) for producing packets (2) of cigarettes, whereby a group (4) of cigarettes is fed by a packing conveyor (25) along a packing path (P1) and through a feed station (24b) for feeding sheets (5) of inner packing material, each of which is rectangular with two long sides and two short sides; a feed conveyor (26) feeds each sheet (5) of inner packing material through the feed station (24b) and along a feed

path (P2), perpendicular to the packing path (P1), so that a respective group (4) of cigarettes intercepts the sheet (5) of inner packing material, thus folding the sheet (5) of inner packing material into a U about the group (4) of cigarettes; and each sheet (5) of inner packing material is fed through the feed station (24b) and along the feed path (P2) with its long sides perpendicular to the feed path (P2), and its short sides parallel to the feed path (P2).

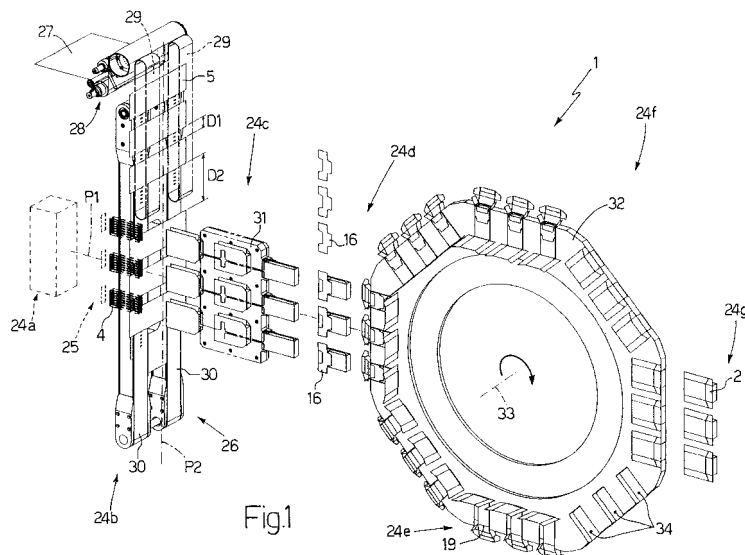


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