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LACK OF UNITIY OF INVENTION

The Search Division considers that the present European patent application does not comply with the requirements of unity of invention and relates to several inventions or groups of inventions, namely:

1. claims: 1-20
A beverage pod comprising a container having a rim on a proximal end that is open, a distal end that is closed, and a sidewall between the proximal end and the distal end; a filter disposed within the container, the filter having an extension on a proximal end that is open, a distal end with holes, and a sidewall between the proximal and distal ends of the filter, where the extension is peelably coupled to the rim; a beverage ingredient disposed within the filter; a lid enclosing the beverage ingredient within the filter, and the lid adapted to be pierced to inject water into the filter; and a fluid flow path formed when the lid is pierced and a gap is formed between the extension and the rim, the fluid flow path along the lid, the beverage ingredient, the holes at the distal end of the filter, a space between sidewalls of the filter and the container, and the gap; and A method of brewing a beverage from a single-serve system, the method comprising: orientating a pod in a substantially horizontal position, the pod having a filter disposed within a container where an extension of the filter is peelably coupled to a rim of the container on a proximal end of the pod;separating the extension from the rim to form a gap therebetween; injecting heated water into a filter; extracting a beverage from a beverage ingredient within the filter; and directing flow of the beverage through at least one hole at a distal end of the filter, along a pathway between a side wall of the filter and a side wall of the container, and out of the pod via the gap formed near the proximal end of the pod.

2. claims: 21-35
A method of brewing to minimize diluting a beverage from a single-sever pod system, the method comprising: injecting heated water into a pod to brew a heated portion of a desired serving size of the beverage; routing unheated water to bypass the pod; and pouring a remaining portion of the desired serving size with the unheated water to combine with the heated portion of the beverage where a combination of the heated portion of the beverage and the remaining portion of the unheated water have a lower temperature than an entire desired serving size of the beverage brewed from the heated water thereby minimizing ice from melting and diluting the beverage.

None of the further search fees have been paid within the fixed time limit. The present (supplementary) European search report has been drawn up for those parts of the European patent application which relate to the first mentioned in the claims, namely claims: 1-20

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