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(57) **Abrégé/Abstract:**

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ABSTRACT

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Smoking Article and Smoking Material Therefor

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The subject invention relates to smoking articles, cigarettes for example, and smoking material therefor.

The patents literature contains many proposals for smoking materials for use in place of conventional cut tobacco cigarette filler.

The present invention provides new smoking materials which provide for mainstream smoke which although containing low levels of tobacco derived components, is fully acceptable to the consumer.

The subject invention provides a smoking material comprising a non-polyol aerosol generator from 6% to about 30% by weight, the total amount of aerosol generator being about 30% or less, no tobacco, binder at less than 10% by weight and not less than 30% by weight inorganic filler.

Triethylene glycol diacetate ('TEGDA'), glycerol triacetate ('triacetin') or glycerol diacetate ('diacetin'), for example, can be used as the non-polyol aerosol generator either individually or in combination. As is well known to those skilled in smoking article science and technology, TEGDA and triacetin are substances with an established use as plasticisers (bonding agents) for cellulose acetate cigarette-filter tow. It was thus

surprising to find that these substances and similar substances, when used as aerosol generating substances in smoking materials according to the subject invention, provide aerosols in mainstream smoke which smokers register as very acceptable.

Non-polyol aerosol generator is usefully present in a range of 6% to about 20% by weight.

Total aerosol generator can include a polyol aerosol generator, such as for example one or more of glycerol, propylene glycol and triethylene glycol.

Smoking materials according to the subject invention can, as will be readily appreciated by those skilled in the art, be fabricated by slurring the components, in fine particulate form, with water and casting the slurry to sheet form on a band or wire sheet-forming machine or on a heated drum. An alternative is to feed a mixture of the components, together with water, to an extruder. The product of casting or extrusion is suitably cut and shredded to provide smoking material of particulate form.

If the components used to provide the smoking material do not include tobacco, then advantageously the smoking material, in particulate form, is blended with particulate tobacco. In such case, the smoking material expediently accounts for at least about 30% by weight of the blend. Suitably, the smoking material will account for the majority, by weight, of the blend, that is more than

50% by weight of the blend. The tobacco in the blend may be expanded tobacco.

A class of substance suitable for the selection therefrom of binder in smoking materials according to the subject invention is the alginates. Sodium alginate has been found to be advantageous. Other suitable binder substances are celluloses or modified celluloses, hydroxypropyl cellulose or carboxymethyl cellulose, for example, starches or modified starches and natural gums.

Suitable substances for use as inorganic filler are calcium carbonate, perlite, vermiculite, diatomaceous earth, colloidal silica, magnesium oxide, magnesium sulphate, magnesium carbonate or other low density inorganic filler materials known to those skilled in the art.

Smoking materials according to the subject invention may comprise one or more mechanical stabiliser or strengthening materials, examples being cocoa, sugar and fibre, paper fibre for instance. Expansion medium, such as starch, pullulan or other polysaccharides or foaming agents, for example, and high fat or high oil materials, such as cocoa butter or olive oil, corn oil, for example, may also be advantageously included.

Smoking material according to the invention may be used in a conventional smoking article, either blended with another smoking material, which may be tobacco material, or

not or in a coaxial arrangement, for example.

According to a second aspect of the subject invention, there is provided a smoking article comprising a smokable rod and a filter, said rod comprising a core and an outer part, said core comprising a first particulate smoking material and a first cigarette paper wrapper enwrapping said first smoking material and said outer part comprising a second particulate smoking material disposed annularly about said core and a second cigarette paper wrapper enwrapping said second smoking material, wherein one of said first and said second smoking materials comprises a non-polyol aerosol generator from about 6% to about 30% by weight, no tobacco, binder at not more than 10% by weight and not less than 30% by weight inorganic filler.

As will be observed, one of the said smoking materials of the smoking article of the second aspect of the subject invention is as per the smoking material of the first above recited aspect of the subject invention. The smoking material of the first above recited aspect of the subject invention may be present in both the first smoking material and the second smoking material of the smoking article above.

Preferably the said second smoking material of the smoking article is as per the smoking material of the first above recited aspect of the subject invention.

Expediently, the first smoking material is cut tobacco filler, suitably cut lamina filler.

Much by preference, in smoking articles in accordance with the subject invention both the core and the outer part of the smokable rod extend over the full length of the rod. It is much by preference too for the core to be disposed coaxially of the rod.

In a smoking article of an exterior circumference conventional for a cigarette, i.e. c.25mm, the exterior circumference of the said core is suitably about 17mm.

EXAMPLE 1

A smoking article, a cigarette, exemplary of the subject invention comprised a core of approximately 17mm circumference, which core consisted of cut lamina filler conventional for ultra-slim cigarettes, such, for example, as the ultra-slim cigarette made by British American Tobacco (Germany) under the brand name CAPRICE, and a wrapper of conventional cigarette paper. The outer part of the cigarette disposed annularly about the core consisted of a blend of 50% by weight of expanded lamina tobacco and 50% by weight of a smoking material according to the subject invention enwrapped in an outer wrapper of low sidestream cigarette paper made by Glatz Inc. under the experimental designation GNS40MV. The expanded tobacco had been expanded by the well known Dry Ice Expanded Tobacco

(DIET) tobacco expansion process. The smoking material according to the subject invention, which had been band cast and then cut and shredded, had a percentage composition by weight as follows.

TEGDA	2.6
Glycerol	6.5
Conventional Tobacco Blend (ground)	19.8
Sodium Alginate	9.9
Chalk	48.3
Cocoa	6.4

Demerera Sugar	3.0
Paper Fibre	3.5

The core and the outer part were lengthwise coterminous.

The cigarette according to the subject invention further comprised a conventional ventilated fibrous cellulose acetate filter.

EXAMPLE 2

A second exemplary smoking material in accordance with the subject invention is of a percentage composition by weight as follows.

TEGDA	6
Glycerol	6
Conventional Tobacco Blend (ground)	20
Sodium Alginate	10
Chalk	51
Cocoa	4
Demerera Sugar	3

This second smoking material in cut and shredded form could, for example, be blended with a conventional cut tobacco cigarette filler. The ratio in the blend of smoking material to filler might, for instance, be 7:3. The blend could be fed to a cigarette making machine to provide cigarette rod comprising the blend and a wrapper of conventional cigarette paper or a low sidestream paper, for example.

EXAMPLE 3

A third exemplary smoking material in accordance with the subject invention is of a percentage composition by weight as follows.

TEGDA	10
Glycerol	4
Sodium Alginate	8
Chalk	78

This third smoking material in cut and shredded form could, for example, be blended with conventional cut tobacco filler in a ratio of, for instance, 4:6 and used for the provision of cigarette rod.

EXAMPLE 4

The following three smoking material formulations were prepared for comparison. The compositions are percentage by weight of each component.

TABLE 1

	Sample Number		
	1	2	3
Triacetin	0	9.6	4
Glycerol	8.6	0	4
Conventional Tobacco Blend (ground)	20.3	20.1	20
Sodium Alginate	8.1	8	8
Fibre	1	1	1
Perlite	62	61.3	63
Smoke Deliveries			

Puff No.	3.4	5.3	4.0
TPM (mg/cig)	7.5	5.3	7.6
Water (mg/cig)	2.7	0.8	2.1
Nicotine (mg/cig)	0.19	0.1	0.2
Glycerol (mg/cig)	1.11	n/m	n/m
Triacetin	n/m	2.03	n/m
NFDPM (mg/cig)	4.59	4.36	5.35
NAFDPM (mg/cig)	3.48	2.33	n/m

NAFDM = Nicotine, aerosol free dry particulate matter
(aerosol being glycerol or triacetin).

NFDPM = Nicotine free dry particulate matter.

n/m = Not measured

The cigarettes were smoked under standard machine smoking conditions of 35cm³ puff of 2 seconds duration taken every minute to a butt length of 35mm.

EXAMPLE 5

In order to observe the influence of an aerosol generator held on a filter element against a smoking article having a standard fibrous cellulose acetate filter the mixed glycerol and triacetin sheet (Sample 3 of Example 4 above) was used in smoking articles with an aerosol generator in the filter at various levels. The cigarettes were of 84mm length, c.8mm diameter with a 27mm filter element and were smoked under standard machine smoking conditions to 35mm butt length. The aerosol generator on the filter was propylene glycol (PG).

TABLE 2

	Sample Number				
	4	5	6	7	8
PG on filter (mg)	0	5	10	20	30
Smoke Deliveries					
Puff Number	4	4	4	3.75	4
TPM (mg/cig)	7.6	5.7	7.56	8.4	11.6
Water (mg/cig)	2.05	1.35	1.33	1.58	2.23
Nicotine (mg/cig)	0.20	0.17	0.17	0.13	0.15
NFDPM (mg/cig)	5.35	4.18	6.06	6.69	9.22
‡ Smoke Composition					
Water (‡)	27.0	23.7	17.6	18.8	19.2
Nicotine(‡)	2.6	3.0	2.2	1.5	1.3

It can be seen that the presence of additional aerosol generator dilutes the smoke constituents and provides a useful means for reducing the smoke delivery levels of various smoke components.

EXAMPLE 6

Other formulations of smoking material according to the invention were made according to Table 3. Additional materials included starch, oils and alkaline water. In Sample 58a a 0.1M solution of sodium carbonate was made up and added to the dry mixture instead of the usual water, until the required pH was reached. The compositions are percentage by weight of each component.

TABLE 3

Sample No.	Tobacco	Sodium Alginate	Sugar	Cocoa	Chalk	Glycerol	Tegda	Triacetin	Other Components
2a	20	10	15	4	39	6	6		
3a	20	10	3	20	35	6	6		
5a	20	10	3	4	37	6	20		
7a	20	10	3	4	51	6	-	6	
8a	20	10	3	4	37	6	-	20	
10a	20	10	3	4	51	-	12	-	
11a	18	9	3	4	56	-	10	-	
12a	20	10	3	4	41	6	6	-	10 (Paper Fibre)
16a	20	10	3	-	45	6	6	-	10 (Starch)
17a	20	10	3	-	45	6	6	-	10 (Cocoa Butter)
26a	20	25	3	4	36	6	6	-	
34a	20	10	3	-	45	6	6	-	10 (Corn oil)
39a	20	10	-	-	55	-	-	15	
41a	20	10	3	4	-	6	6	-	51 (Perlite)
42a	20	10	3	4	26	6	6	-	25 (Perlite)
51a	20	10	3	-	30	6	6	-	15 (Cooked Starch)
52a	20	10	-	-	55	-	-	-	15 (Olive Oil)
58a	20	10	3	4	51	6	6	-	pH=9.3

The embodiments of the invention in which an exclusive property or privilege is claimed are defined as follows:

1. A smoking material comprising a non-polyol aerosol generator from 6% to about 30% by weight, the total amount of aerosol generator being about 30% or less, no tobacco, binder at less than 10% by weight and not less than 30% by weight inorganic filler.
2. A smoking material according to Claim 1, wherein said non-polyol aerosol generator is present in a range of about 6% to about 20% by weight.
3. A smoking material according to Claim 2, wherein said non-polyol aerosol generator is present in a range of about 6% to about 15% by weight.
4. A smoking material according to any one of Claims 1 to 3, wherein said inorganic filler is present in said smoking material at a level of at least 35% by weight.
5. A smoking material according to Claim 4, wherein said inorganic filler is present at a level of at least 40% by weight.
6. A smoking material according to Claim 5, wherein said inorganic filler is present at a level of at least 45% by weight.

7. A smoking material according to any one of Claims 1 - 6, wherein said inorganic filler is at least one of the materials selected from the group consisting of calcium carbonate, perlite, vermiculite, diatomaceous earth, colloidal silica, magnesium oxide, magnesium sulphate, magnesium carbonate and other low density inorganic filler materials, having a density similar to the materials cited in the group.
8. A smoking material according to any one of Claims 1 - 7, wherein said binder is one or more of an alginate, celluloses or modified celluloses, starches or modified starches, and natural gums.
9. A smoking material according to any one of Claims 1 - 8, wherein said smoking material further comprises a mechanical stabiliser.
10. A smoking material according to any one of Claims 1 - 9, wherein said smoking material further comprises an expansion medium.
11. A smoking material according to any one of Claims 1 - 10, wherein said smoking material further comprises a high fat containing material.
12. A smoking material according to any one of Claims 1 - 11, wherein said smoking material further comprises a high oil containing material.

13. A smoking material according to any one of Claims 9 - 12, wherein said smoking material further comprises one or more of cocoa, sugar, fibre, starch, pullulan, polysaccharide expansion agents, foaming agents, cocoa butter, olive oil and corn oil.
14. A smoking article comprising a smokable rod and a filter, said rod comprising a core and an outer part, said core comprising a first particulate smoking material and a first cigarette paper wrapper enwrapping said first smoking material and said outer part comprising a second particulate smoking material disposed annularly about said core and a second cigarette paper wrapper enwrapping said second smoking material, wherein one of said first and said second smoking materials comprises a non-polyol aerosol generator from about 6% to about 30% by weight, no tobacco, binder at not more than 10% by weight and not less than 30% by weight inorganic filler.
15. A smoking article according to Claim 14, wherein said one of said first and second smoking materials comprises a smoking material in accordance with any one of Claims 2 to 13.

16. A smoking article according to Claim 14 or 15, wherein said second smoking material is said smoking material according to any one of Claims 2 to 13.
17. A smoking article according to Claim 14 or 15, wherein both said first and said second smoking materials comprises a proportion of the smoking materials in Claim 14.
18. A smoking article according to any one of Claims 14 - 16, wherein the other of said first and second smoking materials is cut tobacco filler.
19. A smoking article according to any one of Claims 14 - 18, wherein both said core and said outer part of said smokable rod extend over the full length of said rod.
20. A smoking article according to any one of Claims 14 - 19, wherein said core is disposed coaxially of said rod.