A24B

MANUFACTURE OR PREPARATION OF TOBACCO FOR SMOKING OR CHEWING; TOBACCO; SNUFF

Definition statement
This place covers:
• Manufacture or preparation of tobacco for smoking or chewing
• Tobacco
• Snuff

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Preparation of tobacco on the plantation (harvesters for tobacco A01D 45/16)

Definition statement
This place covers:
Preparation of harvested tobacco on the plantation.

References
Informative references
Attention is drawn to the following places, which may be of interest for search:

| Harвестers for tobacco | A01D 45/16 |

A24B 3/00

Preparing tobacco in the factory

Definition statement
This place covers:
Primary treatment and preparation of the tobacco in the factory.

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{Puffing}

Glossary of terms
In this place, the following terms or expressions are used with the meaning indicated:

| Puffing       | expanding tobacco |

A24B 5/00

Stripping tobacco; Treatment of stems or ribs

Definition statement
This place covers:
Separation of the tobacco lamina from the stem or rib.
Glossary of terms

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<td>Stem</td>
<td>the main vein of the tobacco leaf</td>
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<td>Leaf part or lamina</td>
<td>the leaf blade, leaf tissue that has been separated from the midrib or stem</td>
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Cutting tobacco (hand cutting tools B26B; slicing in general B26D 1/00, B26D 3/00)

Definition statement

This place covers:
Cutting tobacco material, e.g. for forming the filler of a cigarette rod.

References

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Control of the moisture content of tobacco products, e.g. cigars, cigarettes, pipe tobacco ([final drying of cigars A24C 1/383, of cigarettes A24C 5/603]; devices for use by the smoker for controlling the moisture content of tobacco products A24F 25/00)

Definition statement

This place covers:
Control of the moisture content of the tobacco products (in the factory).

References

Limiting references

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A24B 11/00
Tobacco-twisting machines

Definition statement
This place covers:
Machines for making twist or spun tobacco.

A24B 13/00
Tobacco for pipes, for cigars, e.g. cigar inserts, or for cigarettes; Chewing tobacco; Snuff (mechanical treatment A24B 3/00 - A24B 11/00; reconstituted tobacco products A24B 3/14; chemical features or treatment of tobacco A24B 15/00)

Definition statement
This place covers:
Tobacco per se, for pipes, cigars or cigarettes.
Chewing tobacco
Snuff

References

Limiting references
This place does not cover:

| Reconstituted tobacco products | A24B 3/14 |

Informative references
Attention is drawn to the following places, which may be of interest for search:

| Mechanical treatment of tobacco | A24B 3/00 - A24B 11/00 |
| Chemical treatment of tobacco | A24B 15/00 |

A24B 15/00
Chemical features or treatment of tobacco; Tobacco substitutes (A24B 3/00 takes precedence)

Definition statement
This place covers:
Chemical features of tobacco, smoking or smokeless tobacco as well as reconstituted tobacco, including chemical treatments, modifying tobacco by chemical agents, e.g. flavourants. This main group also includes biochemical treatments of tobacco and physical treatments such as wave energy, irradiation and electrical treatments.
References

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<td>Preparing tobacco in the factory, e.g. steaming, drying, curing, puffing,</td>
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<td>thermal treatments</td>
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<td>Chemical features of cigarette wrappers, including indirect addition of an</td>
<td>A24D 1/02</td>
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<td>additive in the wrapper or tipping paper.</td>
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<td>Selection of materials, other than tobacco, suitable for smoking</td>
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<td>Simulated smoking devices, e.g. imitation cigarettes with chemical heating</td>
<td>A24F 47/006</td>
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<td>means</td>
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<td>Medicinal preparations containing nicotine</td>
<td>A61K 31/465</td>
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<td>Essential oils per se</td>
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Special rules of classification

Chemical features of cigarette wrappers, e.g. papers are classified in A24D 1/02.

Glossary of terms

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<td>Organic solvent</td>
<td>Carbon containing solvent except carbon dioxide.</td>
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<td>Tobacco substitute</td>
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A24B 15/16

of tobacco substitutes

Definition statement

This place covers:

Tobacco substitutes, this group contains both non-tobacco plants suitable for smoking or as replacer for cigarette and substitute of cigarettes comprising tobacco extracts, e.g. flavours and possibly nicotine.

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{comprising as heat source a carbon fuel or an oxidized or thermally degraded carbonaceous fuel, e.g. carbohydrates, cellulosic material}

Special rules of classification

Tobacco substitutes comprising as heat source a carbon fuel or an oxidized or thermally degraded carbonaceous fuel, e.g. carbohydrates, cellulosic material. Documents are classified here when the invention concerns chemical aspect of the carbonaceous fuel element, the aerosol generating element or the envelope (special wrappers).
A24B 15/183
{sterilization, preservation or biological decontamination}

Special rules of classification
Sterilization, preservation or biological decontamination by any means, e.g. by heating, by chemical, physical, or biological treatment.

A24B 15/287
{by inorganic substances only}

Special rules of classification
Treatment of tobacco by inorganic chemical substances only.