**A24C**

**MACHINES FOR MAKING CIGARS OR CIGARETTES**

**Definition statement**

*This place covers:*

Machine and methods for making cigars or cigarettes, including making tipping materials for cigarettes and cigars and attaching filters to cigarette or cigars.

**Relationships with other classification places**

Because of the nature of the products, some devices handling cigarette filters might be also classified in this subclass if their principles are suitable also for cigarette rods.

**References**

**Limiting references**

*This place does not cover:*

| Packaging cigarettes | B65B 19/02 |

**A24C 1/00**

**Elements of cigar manufacture (combinations of two or more elements of cigar manufacture A24C 3/00; attaching or incorporating filters or mouthpieces A24C 5/47, A24C 5/52; cutting machines in general B26D)**

**Definition statement**

*This place covers:*

A particular element, device or step of a method for the production of cigars.

**References**

**Limiting references**

*This place does not cover:*

| Complete manufacture of cigars | A24C 3/00 |
| Cigars as products per se | A24D 1/00 |
| Bands for cigars | A24D 1/10 |
| Imitation cigars | A24F 47/002 |

**Informative references**

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

| Attaching or incorporating filters or mouthpieces | A24C 5/47 |
| Final treatment of cigarettes | A24C 5/60 |
| Cutting machines in general | B26D |
A24C 3/00
Complete manufacture of cigars; Combinations of two or more elements of cigar manufacture

Definition statement
This place covers:
The complete manufacture of a cigar. It covers only documents in which the whole production of a cigar is disclosed.

References
Limiting references
This place does not cover:

| Single elements or steps of cigar manufacture | A24C 1/00 |

A24C 5/00
Making cigarettes; Making tipping materials for, or attaching filters or mouthpieces to, cigars or cigarettes

Definition statement
This place covers:
Making cigarettes both with hand-driven or automatic machines.
Making tipping materials for cigarettes.
Attaching filters or mouthpieces to the tobacco rod or cigars.

References
Limiting references
This place does not cover:

| Cigarettes as products per se | A24D 1/00 |
| Making filters | A24D 3/02 |

Special rules of classification
General aspects of the cigarette making machines (e.g. quality control) are classified in A24C 5/00 or also in A24C 5/14, if this relates more to the manufacture of the tobacco rod only.

A24C 5/18
Forming the rod

Definition statement
This place covers:
Machines forming the tobacco rod.
**References**

**Informative references**

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

| Tobacco feeding devices | A24C 5/39 |

**A24C 5/20**

**Reels; Supports for bobbins; Other accessories**

**Definition statement**

This place covers:

Parts and accessories of the cigarette manufacturing machines dealing or coming in contact with the cigarette wrapping paper.

**References**

**Informative references**

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

| Attaching the replacement web to the expiring web | B65H 19/18 |

**A24C 5/323**

{pneumatically}

**Special rules of classification**

Machines dealing with filter rods, e.g. sending filters from a location of the factory to a filter attaching machine are also classified here.

**A24C 5/326**

{with lateral transferring means}

**Definition statement**

This place covers:

Devices for changing the conveyance direction of rods from axial to a direction perpendicular to the axis of the rod, or vice versa.

**Special rules of classification**

Machines dealing with filter, e.g. for making composite filters elements are also classified here.
A24C 5/34

Examining cigarettes or the rod, e.g. for regulating the feeding of tobacco; Removing defective cigarettes

References

Informative references

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Special rules of classification

Machines handling filter rods might also be classified here

A24C 5/3412

{by means of light, radiation or electrostatic fields (A24C 5/3406 takes precedence)}

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A24C 5/35

Adaptations of conveying apparatus for transporting cigarettes from making machine to packaging machine

Definition statement

This place covers:

Conveying apparatus specially designed for transporting cigarettes from the making machine to the packaging machine.

References

Informative references

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Special rules of classification

Machines dealing with filter rods, are also classified here
A24C 5/39

Tobacco feeding devices (regulating feed according to rod or cigarette condition A24C 5/34)

Special rules of classification

This subgroup relates essentially to machine dealing with cut tobacco, i.e. material serving as a filler for the cigarette rod