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(54) **CONTAINER DEVICE FOR TOBACCO ARTICLES**

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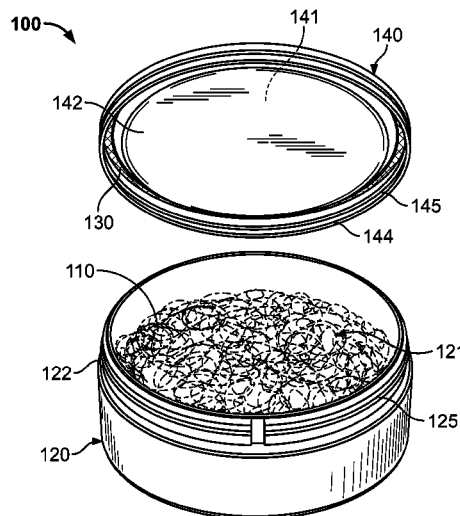
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(57) **ABSTRACT**

Some embodiments of a tobacco product package device can be used to enhance freshness and other characteristics of tobacco products or other products contained therein. Certain features can improve product freshness both during shelf life and during consumer use.

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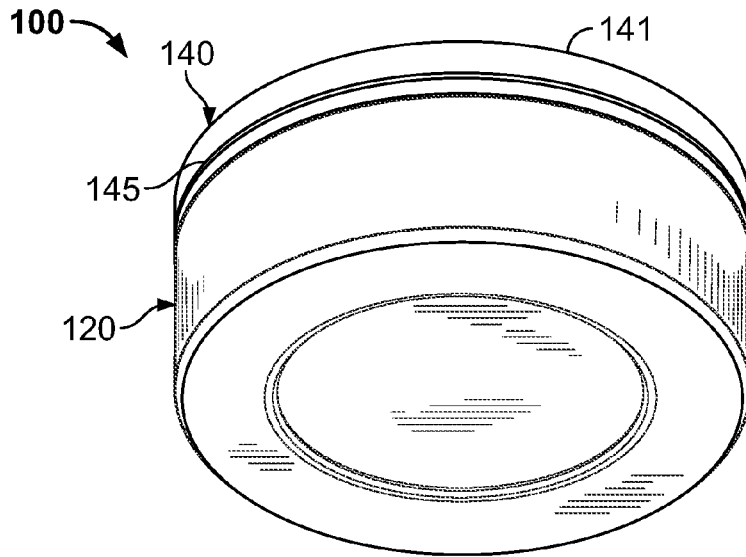


FIG. 1A

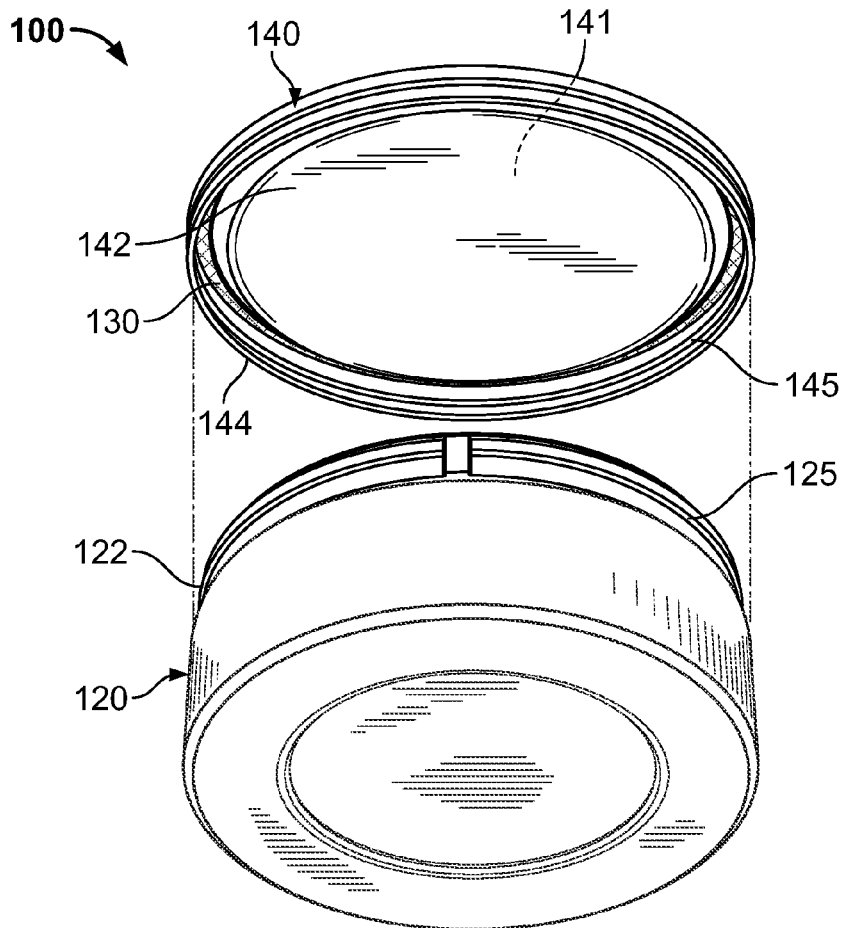


FIG. 1B

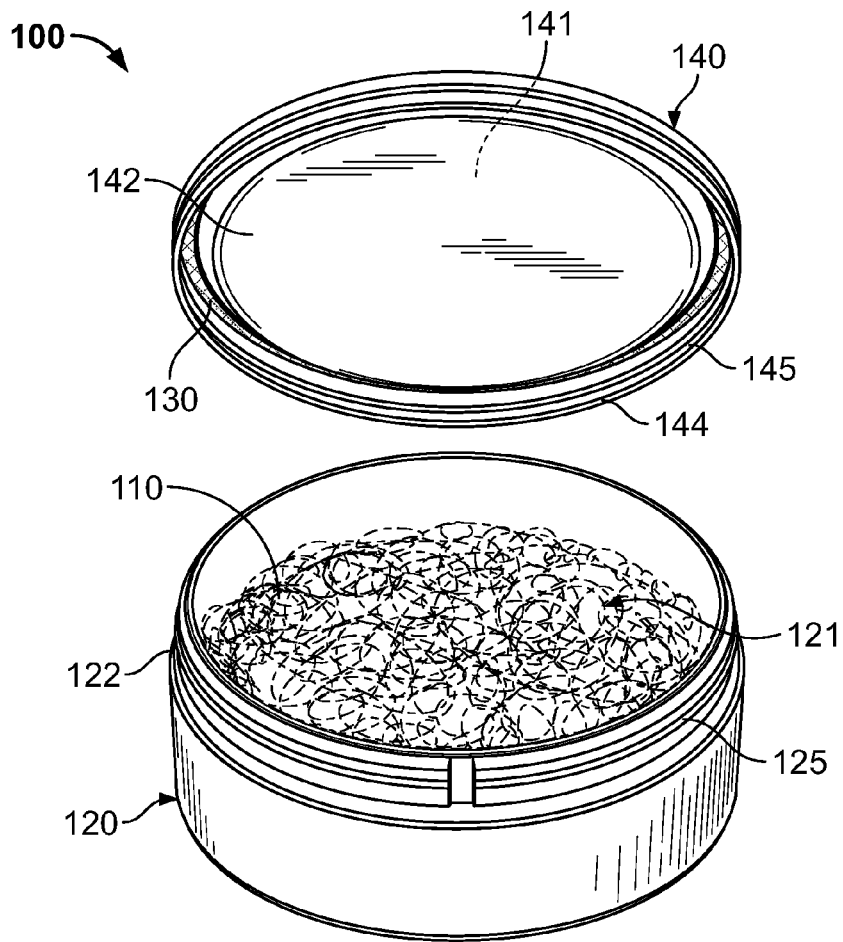


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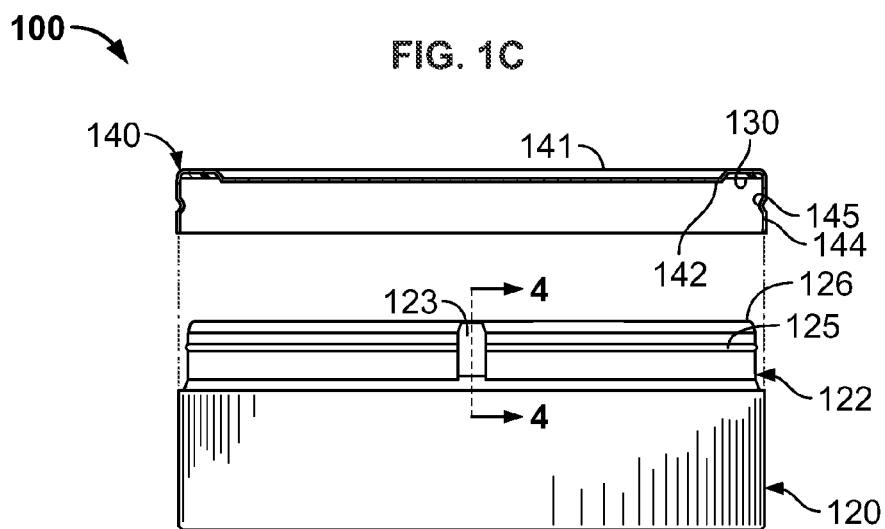


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