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#### (57) Abstract

Edible films and coatings suitable for use as moisture barriers in food (such as multi component foods), emulsions and dry mixes for preparing such films, foods incorporating them and processes for producing them.

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1. Claims: 1-3, 4 partly, 5, 6 partly, 7 partly, 8, 9-15 all partly, 16-21, 22-75 all partly

In the field of FOODSTUFFS:

- Edible composite film for use as moisture barrier in a FOODSTUFF, the film comprising a conglomerate of lipid and hydrocolloid components, wherein the LIPID COMPONENT is derived from a DRIED FAT COMPOSITION.
- Dry mix for use as a hydratable base in the preparation of the above film.
- Moisture barrier system comprising as separate components, the above dry-mix and a gelling salt solution and opt. a liquid plasticiser.
- Emulsion comprising the above dry-mix in admixture with water.
- FOODSTUFF comprising the above film or emulsion.
- Process for producing an edible composite film as defined above comprising the steps of preparing a dry mix as defined above and hydrating it to produce an emulsion as defined above.
- Process for producing a foodstuff comprising the steps of producing an edible composite film by a process as defined above and applying it to the foodstuff.
- Process for producing a foodstuff comprising the steps of producing an emulsion as defined above and comprising ungelled plant gum, applying it to the foodstuff and gelling the gum.
- Method for preventing the transfer of moisture between constitutents of a multi-component food product comprising the step of interposing a film as defined above between the food constituents.
- Method for preventing the transfer of moisture between the atmosphere and a food product comprising the step of interposing a film as defined above between the food and the atmosphere.
- 2. Claims: 1 partly, 2, 3 partly, 4-6, 7 partly, 8 partly, 9, 10-26 all partly, 27, 28-75 all partly

In the field of FOODSTUFFS:

- Edible composite film for use as moisture barrier in a FOODSTUFF, the film comprising a conglomerate of lipid and hydrocolloid components, wherein the HYDROCOLLOID COMPONENTS comprises (or consists of) a STARCHY LEGUMINOUS SEED PROTEIN

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or LUPIN PROTEIN.

- Dry mix for use as a hydratable base in the preparation of the above film.
- Moisture barrier system comprising as separate components, the above dry-mix and a gelling salt solution and opt. a liquid plasticiser.

- Emulsion comprising the above dry-mix in admixture with water.

- FOODSTUFF comprising the above film or emulsion.

- Process for producing an edible composite film as defined above comprising the steps of preparing a dry mix as defined above and hydrating it to produce an emulsion as defined above.
- Process for producing a foodstuff comprising the steps of producing an edible composite film by a process as defined above and applying it to the foodstuff.
- Process for producing a foodstuff comprising the steps of producing an emulsion as defined above and comprising ungelled plant gum, applying it to the foodstuff and gelling the gum.
- Method for preventing the transfer of moisture between constitutents of a multi-component food product comprising the step of interposing a film as defined above between the food constituents.
- Method for preventing the transfer of moisture between the atmosphere and a food product comprising the step of interposing a film as defined above between the food and the atmosphere.
- 3. Claims: 1 partly, 2 partly, 3, 4 partly, 5 partly, 6-9, 10-75 all partly

## In the field of FOODSTUFFS:

- Edible composite film for use as moisture barrier in a FOODSTUFF, the film comprising a conglomerate of LIPID, a PROTEIN component, a GELLED PLANT GUM, an EMULSIFIER, WATER and opt. a buffering agent and/or a plasticiser.
- Dry mix for use as a hydratable base in the preparation of the above film.
- Moisture barrier system comprising as separate components, the above dry-mix and a gelling salt solution and opt. a liquid plasticiser.
- Emulsion comprising the above dry-mix in admixture with water.
- FOODSTUFF comprising the above film or emulsion.
- Process for producing an edible composite film as defined above comprising the steps of preparing a dry mix as defined above and hydrating it to produce an emulsion as defined above.

#### FURTHER INFORMATION CONTINUED FROM PCT/ISA/ 210

- Process for producing a foodstuff comprising the steps of producing an edible composite film by a process as defined above and applying it to the foodstuff.
- Process for producing a foodstuff comprising the steps of producing an emulsion as defined above and comprising ungelled plant gum, applying it to the foodstuff and gelling

the gum.

- Method for preventing the transfer of moisture between constitutents of a multi-component food product comprising the step of interposing a film as defined above between the food constituents.
- Method for preventing the transfer of moisture between the atmosphere and a food product comprising the step of interposing a film as defined above between the food and the atmosphere.

## 4. Claim: 55 partly

NON-FOODSTUFFS comprising the film of claims 1-41 or the emulsion of claims 52-54.

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