

A method for closing automatically an axial end of a tubular manufacture and for unloading it in an inside-out configuration, and an apparatus for performing the method. The method according to the invention comprises a step of positioning the manufacture (50), in a right-way-out configuration, at a sewing or linking station (18), arranged so that its axis is substantially vertical and so that it hangs, by means of a first axial end (50a) to be closed by sewing or linking, from an annular handling device (2). In this step, the manufacture (50) extends below the handling device (2). Then a step is performed for inserting the manufacture (50), retained by the handling device (2), into an upper reversing tube (3) that is or can be positioned, with its lower axial end, above the handling device (2) for the passage of the manufacture (50) through the handling device (2); this passage arranges the manufacture (50) in the inside-out configuration. A step of closing the first axial end (50a) of the manufacture (50) by sewing or linking is then performed. Then a step of disengaging the manufacture (50) from the handling device (2) and a step of removing the manufacture (50) through the upper axial end of the upper reversing tube (3) are performed.