

A method for performing the automated closure of an axial end of a tubular manufacture and for unloading it inside out, and an apparatus for performing the method, the method comprising a step of positioning the manufacture (50) right way out at a sewing or linking station (14), 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 condition, the manufacture (50) is extended below the handling device (2); then a step of turning the manufacture (50) inside out is performed in which the manufacture (50), retained by the handling device (2), is passed through the handling device (2); this passage arranges the manufacture (50) inside out above the handling device (2); 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) is performed and then a step of moving the manufacture (50) away is performed by means of suction through the upper axial end of a lower spacing tube (4) that faces, with its upper axial end, below the handling device (2).