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caffeinated coffee, and we wish to have understood that our claims may include such other beverages as may be treated by the process and composition as per the invention.

What is claimed is:

1. A process for preparing a powdered prelightened coffee composition comprising
 - (a) blending a liquid non-dairy lightener containing from 1-4 parts of solids with coffee percolate containing 1 part of coffee solids.
 - (b) spray drying the non-dairy lightener/coffee mixture,
 - (c) conditioning the dried non-dairy lightener/coffee mixture at about 0° F. for about 1 hour,
 - (d) agglomerating the conditioned dried non-dairy lightener/coffee mixture,
 - (e) drying the agglomerated non-dairy/lightener coffee mixture at room temperature conditions, and
 - (f) tempering the dried agglomerated non-dairy lightener/coffee mixture for about one hour at about 0° F.
2. A process according to claim 1 wherein the liquid non-dairy lightener/coffee percolate mixture is rapidly cooled to about 40° F. before being spray dried.
3. A process according to claim 1 wherein the ratio of lightener solids to coffee solids is 3 to 1.
4. A process for preparing a powdered prelightened coffee composition comprising

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- (a) blending a liquid non-dairy lightener containing from 1-4 parts of solids with 1 part of powdered soluble coffee solids,
- (b) spray drying the non-dairy lightener/coffee mixture,
- (c) conditioning the dried non-dairy lightener/coffee mixture at about 0° F. for about 1 hour,
- (d) agglomerating the conditioned dried non-dairy lightener/coffee mixture,
- (e) drying the agglomerated non-dairy/lightener coffee mixture at room temperature conditions, and
- (f) tempering the dried agglomerated non-dairy lightener/coffee mixture for about one hour at about 0° F.

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