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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A ready-to-serve coffee product which provides a refreshing beverage or topping. The product is a black, coffee containing liquid in an aseptically filled container. The liquid has a fresh, clean taste and may contain more than 2% by weight of soluble coffee solids. The liquid is produced by extracting coffee solids from roast and ground coffee at a draw-off ratio of less than about 3. The concentration of soluble coffee solids in the coffee extract is then adjusted to less than about 5% by weight under oxygen-reduced conditions.

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