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[54] **TEA-COLORED FLAVOR GRANULES**

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[57] **ABSTRACT**

Beverage compositions comprise flavor granules coated on the outer surface with a powdered beverage such as tea, cocoa or coffee, preferably prepared by coating the flavor granules in a rotating granulator.

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