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[54] **PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF INSTANT COFFEE OR THE LIKE**

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[57] ABSTRACT

Roasted coffee beans, roasted beans or roasted cereals are extracted with a cyclic dextrin-containing liquid and/or this extract is dried to obtain an instant beverage. According to this process, valuable components of roasted coffee beans or the like are effectively extracted by the cyclic dextrin-containing liquid, and extracted soluble and aromatic components are effectively protected by the cyclic dextrin when the extract is dried to form an instant beverage. The obtained instant beverage such as instant coffee has excellent fragrance and flavor.

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