

Summary of the dossier: Herbal infusion made from coffee leaves

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Herbal infusion made from coffee leaves (*Coffea arabica*) has been traditionally consumed by millions of people in Ethiopia, South Sudan, Liberia, Indonesia and Jamaica through many decades and thus giving a fair indication that it is safe to drink.

The Ethiopian authorities confirm the traditional use of herbal infusion from coffee leaves and that it is considered safe. There has also been a very limited use in Australia and England more than 100 years ago.

Herbal infusion from coffee leaves have been used as a substitute for ordinary coffee and tea by millions of people for many years. It is drunk daily by the general population at meals, social events, to sate thirst and for the enjoyment of the taste and the relaxing effect of its phenolic compounds.

It is the general population, including children, elders and pregnant women, who have consumed the herbal infusion and as such it is suggested to be used by the general population of the EU.

Unless other spices, herbs or milk is added to the herbal infusion from coffee leaves, it does not significantly add any macro- or micronutrients to the diet of the consumer. It has a limited content of phenolic compounds.

The analysis shows that the herbal infusion from coffee leaves would be safe up to 5 litres of herbal infusion per day (using a handful of coffee leaves per litre water) and as such no maximum use warning is needed.