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## General specification for Leaf Tea

There is a variety of Japanese leaf teas. This specification will cover the following kind of tea:  
Gyokuro, Kukicha, Genmaicha, Kabusecha, Sencha, Shincha, Hojicha and Bancha.

**Color:** yellowish, greenish colour  
**Taste:** fresh green flavour  
**Odor:** grassy

**Foreign matters/impurities:** no more than 1%.  
The tea is free of vegetative forms of mould and other impurities (metal, glass, wood, stones etc.), as well as insects and other animals.

**Loss of mass:** no more than 6%

**Microbiology:**

Aerobic plate count:	max. $6 \times 10^3$ /g
Yeasts:	max. $5 \times 10^2$ /g
Moulds:	max. $5 \times 10^2$ /g
E Coli:	absent <sup>1</sup>
Salmonella:	absent in 25g

**Heavy metals:**

Arsenic (As):	max. 0,5 mg/kg
Lead (Pb):	max. 5,0 mg/kg
Cadmium (Cd):	max. 0,2 mg/kg
Mercury (Hg):	max. 0,05 mg/kg
Copper (Cu):	max. 40 mg/kg

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**Pesticides:** We ensure that the goods are in conformity with the valid legal requirements at the time of risk transfer and in particular with the German Maximum Residue Level Regulation (GER) and the EU Directives (EU) in their currently valid versions. Additionally, we ensure that the organic products are in compliance with the requirements for Pesticide Residue Levels of the German Association for Organic Production and Trade "BNN-Herstellung und Handel".

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<sup>1</sup> BGLB method; refer to microbiological manual for coliform test of attached paper.

**Radiation Safety:** We guarantee that all our goods are tested for radiation and will be within the legal standards. Furthermore we will restrict the level of radiation of idione-131, caesium-137 and caesium-134 to a maximum of 50 Bq/kg.

**Irradiation:** There is no treatment of the goods with ultraviolet and/or ionizing radiation.

**Gene technology:** None of the delivered goods are genetically modified organisms, do not contain genetically modified organisms and are not produced with genetically modified substances.

**Food intolerance:** We confirm that the delivered goods are allergen-free. See "Allergen List" for more information.

**Packing:** The sound dried crop is packed in new, clean and dry aluminum bags and master cartons. Labeling is clear and appropriate and does not contaminate the harvested material. The details on the label ensure traceability using lot number. Packaging materials, as well as the packed crop, are stored in a clean and dry place free from pests and are inaccessible to animals. Packaging materials are suitable for food. All packaging materials are strong, water-resistant, safe and usable for export (airworthy export packing). The inner packaging materials are free of any pesticides /substances which possibly could contaminate the product. Specific packing details as well as markings have to be part of the relevant order form.

**Storage/Transport:** The packed dried crops are stored in a dry, dark and acclimated storage which is constantly held under 15°C.

The goods are stored:

- ☞ in buildings with concrete floors or similar easy-to-clean floors.
- ☞ on pallets
- ☞ away from the wall
- ☞ well separated from all other crops whenever cross contamination is possible, especially from any goods with strong smell and/or hazardous potential)

Fumigation of the goods against pests is not conducted.

We guarantee a shelf-life of 12 months for our product when it is properly preserved unopened using a dark, cool and dry storage. It is important to have no other products with strong odor stored together. Once opened, Leaf-Tea should be processed immediately

to assure no loss in quality. Our general specification for Leaf-Tea is based on the currently valid guidelines for tea and the relating EU directives.

**Allergen List:**

<b>Allergens and its derivatives</b>	<b>absent/present</b>	<b>comment</b>
<b>Azo Colors</b>	-	
<b>Beef (meat)</b>	-	
<b>Benzoic Acid (from E210 to E213)</b>	-	
<b>BHA-BHT (from E320 to E321)</b>	-	
<b>Celery and products thereof*</b>	-	
<b>Chicken (meat)</b>	-	
<b>Cinnamon</b>	-	
<b>Caffeine</b>	<b>present</b>	<b>2,0 - 4,0%; naturally included</b>
<b>Carrot</b>	-	
<b>Cocoa</b>	-	
<b>Coriander</b>	-	
<b>Crustaceans and products thereof*</b>	-	
<b>Eggs and products thereof*</b>	-	
<b>Fish and products thereof*</b>	-	
<b>Fructose</b>	<b>present</b>	<b>0,1 - 2,0%; naturally included</b>
<b>Gelatin</b>	-	
<b>Glutamate (from E620 to E625)</b>	<b>present</b>	<b>Glutamic Acid: 0,1 - 0,7%; naturally included</b>
<b>Gluten (&lt;20 ppm)*</b>	-	
<b>Legumes/Pulses</b>	-	



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Lupine and products thereof**	-	
Maize	-	
Milk and products thereof*	-	
Milk protein (<0,1% ppm)	-	
Milk sugar (Lactose)	-	
Molluscs and products thereof**	-	
Mustard and products thereof*	-	
Nuts*	-	
Peanuts and products thereof*	-	
Phenylalanin	<b>present</b>	<b>below 0,05%; naturally included</b>
Pork	-	
Rye	-	
Sesame seeds and products thereof*	-	
Sorbic acid (from E200 to E203)	-	
Soyabeans and products thereof*	-	
Sucrose	<b>present</b>	<b>1,0 - 4,0%; naturally included</b>
Sulphite (from E220 to E228)*	-	
Tartrazine (E102)	-	
Umbelliferae	-	
Vanillin	-	
Wheat	-	
Yeast	-	

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