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Green tea - Part 5: Mee tea

绿茶 第5部分：眉茶

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Foreword

GB/T 14456 "Green tea" is divided into the following parts. - Part 1. Basic requirements; - Part 2. Large leaf type green tea; - Part 3. Medium and small leaf type green tea; Part 4. pearl tea; - Part 5. eyebrow tea; - Part 6. steamed green tea; This part is part 5 of GB/T 14456. This part is drafted in accordance with the rules given in GB/T 1.1-2009. This part is made by the China National Federation of Supply and Marketing Cooperatives. This part of the National Tea Standardization Technical Committee (SAC/TC339) centralized. This part of the drafting unit. China National Federation of Supply and Marketing Cooperative Hangzhou Tea Research Institute, Zhejiang Province Tea Group Co., Ltd., the national tea Ye Quality Supervision and Inspection Center. This part of the main drafters. Weng Kun, Mao Limin, Zheng Guocheng, Zhang Yali. Green tea Part 5. eyebrow tea

1 Scope

Part 5 of China's green tea standard, covering mee tea - the green tea rolled into long slender strips said to resemble an eyebrow, which is what the Chinese name meicha means. It specifies the terms and definitions, the product grades and physical reference samples, the requirements, the test methods, the inspection rules, and the marking, labelling, packaging, transport and storage of mee tea. Mee tea is the other great Chinese green tea export alongside gunpowder, and the two are the shapes into which most export-grade green tea is made: gunpowder rolled into a pellet, mee tea rolled into a strip. The strip form is graded through a set of named trade grades - chunmee, zhenmei, xiumei and the others - which are recognised across the export trade and which correspond to the size, the tightness and the tippiness of the strip and to the proportion of broken leaf. That system of grade names is what this part fixes, and it is the operative content: the names are used in contracts and on shipping documents, and until they are defined against physical reference samples they mean whatever the seller intends. The requirements then cover the appearance of the dry leaf, the liquor, the aroma, the taste and the infused leaf for each grade, together with the physicochemical requirements and the food safety limits. Issued on 14 June 2016 and in force since 1 January 2017.

This part of GB/T 14456 specifies the terms and definitions of eyebrow tea, product and

physical standards, requirements, test methods, inspection rules, Logo, label, packaging, transportation and storage. This section applies to eyebrow tea in green tea products.

2 Normative reference documents

The following documents are indispensable for the application of this document. For dated references, only the dated edition applies to this article. For undated references, the latest edition (including all modifications) applies to this document.

GB/T 191 packaging and storage icon Standard for Contaminants in Foodstuffs

GB 2763 National Standard for Food Safety - Maximum Residue Limits for Pesticides in Foodstuffs General rules for food safety - Pre - packaged food labeling

GB/T 8302 tea samples Preparation of

GB/T 8303 tea ground and its determination of dry matter content

GB/T 8304 Determination of tea moisture

GB/T 8305 Determination of tea extract

GB/T 8306 Determination of total ash in tea

GB/T 8307 tea - Determination of water - soluble ash and water - insoluble ash

GB/T 8308 Determination of insoluble ash in tea Determination of water - soluble ash alkalinity of GB/T 8309 tea

GB/T 8310 Determination of crude fiber

GB/T 8311 Determination of tea powder and broken tea Method for the determination of tea polyphenols and catechins in tea

GB/T 14456.1 Green tea - Part 1. Basic requirements Symptomatic terminology of tea Method for sensory evaluation of tea

GB/T 30375 Tea storage GH/T 1070 Tea Packaging General

3 Terms and definitions

GB/T 14487 Definitions and the following terms and definitions apply to this document.