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**Abstract :**

5 A process for the preparation of a pre-cooked, shelf-stable or refrigerated  
acidified pasta product comprising mixing pasta ingredients together with added  
edible acid to prepare a pasta dough, forming a raw/wet pasta from the pasta  
dough, steaming the raw/wet pasta a first time and then treating the steamed  
raw/wet pasta with water, afterwards steaming the pasta a second time and finally  
packaging the twice steamed pasta either with heat processing or under modified  
atmospheric conditions. Optionally, the twice steamed pasta may be treated with  
10 additional water either (a) by spraying the water onto the pasta or by immersing  
the pasta in the water followed by packaging and heat-processing or (b) by placing  
the pasta in the package and adding the water to the pasta in the package and then  
heat processing.

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