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(57) Abstract: Some aspects of the disclosure relate to multi-stage processes for preparing an alkalinized cocoa material. In some examples, the process includes mixing cocoa and alkalization agents together, and mixing/heating until reaching an elevated mixing temperature. The process may include mixing these components together at the elevated mixing temperature for at least one hold period to provide a mixture, then aerating the mixture. The process may include an additional treatment or treatments at a held elevated temperature. The process may then include drying the mixture to provide an alkalinized cocoa material.



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