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Thank you for your email¹ of 28 September 2020 on the possibility to authorise leaves of *Ilex guayusa* as a non-organic agricultural ingredient under Article 29 of Regulation (EC) No 889/2008².

From your e-mail, we understand that this product is a processed food obtained by drying, toasting and grinding leaves of the plant *Ilex guayusa*.

Such processed products correspond to the products covered by Article 1(2)(b) of Regulation (EC) No 834/2007³: *processed agricultural products for use as food* and consequently are under the scope of Regulation (EC) 889/2008 and might be authorised as non-organic agricultural ingredient in accordance with the conditions lay down in Article 29.

The present opinion is provided on the basis of the facts as set out in your e-mail of 28 September 2020 and expresses the view of the Commission services and does not commit the European Commission. In the event of a dispute involving Union law it is, under the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, ultimately for the European Court of Justice to provide a definitive interpretation of the applicable Union law.

Yours sincerely,



¹ Ares(2020)5060784

² [Commission Regulation \(EC\) No 889/2008 of 5 September 2008 laying down detailed rules for the implementation of Council Regulation \(EC\) No 834/2007 on organic production and labelling of organic products with regard to organic production, labelling and control \(OJ L 250, 18.9.2008, p. 1\)](#)

³ [Council Regulation \(EC\) No 834/2007 of 28 June 2007 on organic production and labelling of organic products and repealing Regulation \(EEC\) No 2092/91 \(OJ L 189, 20.07.2007, p. 1\)](#)

