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ABOUT THE COVER



The purpose of this month's special report, "Kombucha Brewing Under the Food and Drug Administration Model Food Code: Risk Analysis and

Processing Guidance," was to provide a hazard analysis and critical control points (HACCP)-based risk analysis of the process to help both operators and regulators maintain safe production of kombucha. Kombucha is a fermented beverage made from brewed tea and sugar whose fermentation process is similar to vinegar's. Hazards from brewing and drinking kombucha include pathogen and mold growth, overfermentation, cross contamination, and acidosis.

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