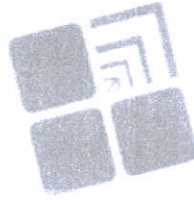


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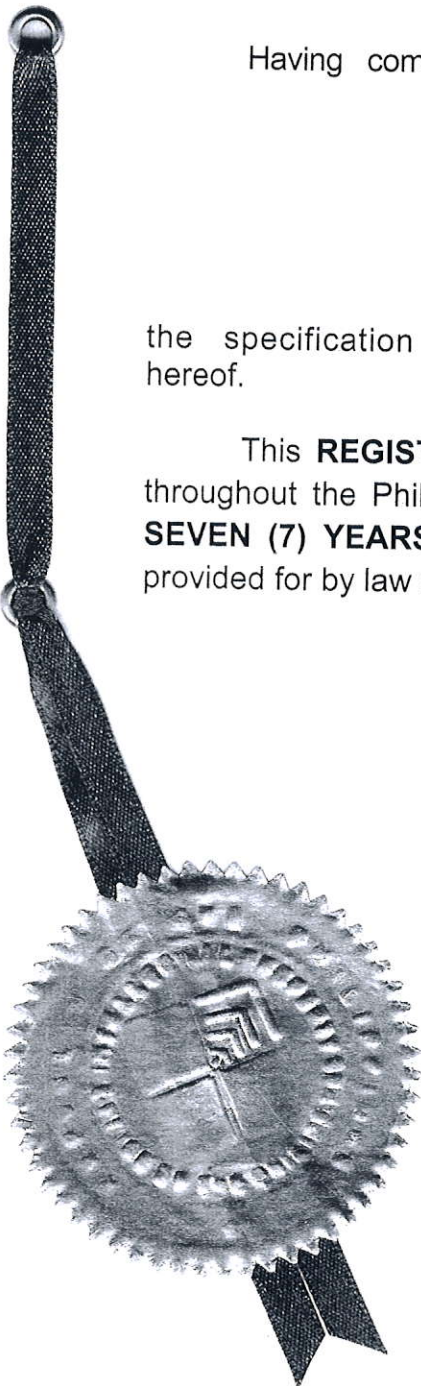
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#### ABSTRACT

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## **SUMMARY OF THE UTILITY MODEL**

It is therefore the main object of the present utility model to provide a solution that will overcome the obvious drawbacks apparent and inherent to the known processes. The present utility model provides for a method of coffee quality analysis by extracting volatile compounds in coffee comprising the following features:

1. placing roasted coffee beans in a sealed vial;
2. the vial allowing the insertion of a material suitable for headspace analysis;
3. heating roasted coffee beans inside the vial to produce volatile compounds which will occupy a headspace area in the vial;
4. heating of the roasted coffee beans is done until headspace equilibrium is reached;
5. inserting the material into the vial and within the headspace to extract the volatile compounds; and
6. thermally desorbing the material to release the absorbed volatile compounds into a GCMS machine.

Another object is to provide the optimum method of extraction, by determining the best heating or roasting time; the best extraction time; and the best thermal desorbing time.

These and other objects and advantages of the present utility model will become more apparent upon a reading of the ensuing detailed description taken in conjunction with the appended drawing.

## **BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SEVERAL VIEWS OF THE DRAWINGS**

FIG. 1 is the process flow of the method for coffee analysis by extracting volatile compounds in coffee.

## DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Before describing the present utility model in detail, it is to be understood that the phraseologies and terminologies used herein are for the purposes of description and should not be regarded as limiting.

Referring now to the drawing, wherein like reference numerals designate the components or elements throughout the ensuing enabling description, the present utility model provides for A Method of Coffee Quality Analysis by Extracting Volatile Compounds in Coffee.

As seen in Fig. 1, roasted coffee beans are placed in a vial and heated until headspace equilibrium is reached. When headspace equilibrium is reached, volatile compounds occupy the headspace in the vial.

The vial is sealed but allows for the insertion of a material, such as a Solid Phase Micro Extraction fiber (SPME fiber), to allow the conduct of headspace analysis.

- II The volatile compounds are extracted by inserting the SPME fiber into the vial and exposing it in the headspace above the coffee.

- III The SPME fiber is then thermally desorbed in a Gas Chromatography-Mass Spectrometer (GCMS machine) for Gas Chromatography-Mass Spectrometry (GCMS) analysis. Through the GCMS analysis, the volatile compounds of the coffee were identified by comparing the mass spectral data with the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) spectral database (MS library) and confirmed using reference standards.

- IV The quality of the aroma of the coffee and, consequently, the coffee beans itself, can then be determined by comparing the concentration of the volatile compounds to a user specified coffee quality database, such database being based on the desired concentration of volatile compounds.



In a preferred embodiment, the heating of the roasted coffee beans in the vial to reach headspace equilibrium and before the SPME fiber is to be inserted ranges from 60 to 80 degrees Celsius, wherein 70 degrees Celsius is the best condition in which a maximum extraction efficiency of volatile compounds can be obtained.

In another preferred embodiment, the SPME fiber is kept in the headspace to extract the volatile compounds can be between 10 to 30 minutes. The optimum time for such extraction is 20 minutes since 10 minutes is more suited for more volatile compounds while 30 minutes is more favorable for some semi-volatile compounds.

In another preferred embodiment, the thermal desorption from the SPME fiber to the GCMS machine can be between 5 to 10 minutes at an injection port temperature of 250 degrees Celsius.

CLAIMS:

1. A method of coffee quality analysis by extracting volatile compounds in coffee comprising:

placing roasted coffee beans in a sealed vial;  
the vial allowing the insertion of a material suitable for headspace analysis;  
heating roasted coffee beans inside the vial to produce volatile compounds which will occupy a headspace area in the vial;  
heating of the roasted coffee beans is done until headspace equilibrium is reached;  
inserting the material into the vial and within the headspace to extract the volatile compounds; and  
thermally desorbing the material to release the absorbed volatile compounds into a GCMS machine.

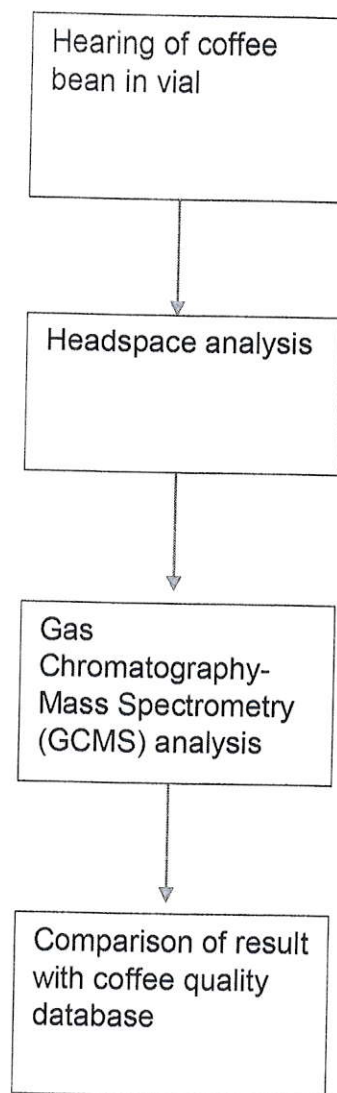
2. The method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the heating of the roasted coffee beans is between 60 to 80 degrees Celsius.

3. The method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the material is within the headspace for 10 to 30 minutes.

4. The method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the thermal desorption is between 5 to 10 minutes.

5. The method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the roasted coffee beans is civet coffee.





**Fig. 1**

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