

# Product Description

## Guayusa (Ilex Guayusa)

Guayusa is a plant native to the northwestern amazon region of South America, being mostly found in the jungles of Ecuador. For millennia Guayusa leaves have been harvested by native tribes who discovered its amazing health properties. Tribesmen consumed Guayusa as an infusion and noticed its invigorating effects, thus learning to consume it before nighttime hunting trips to keep themselves awake and alert.

Guayusa teas offers as much caffeine as coffee but they also typically contain 50% more anti-oxidants than green tea. Tests performed by independent institutions and universities have proved Guayusa teas to be an important source of phenolic compounds with cellular anti-oxidant and anti-inflammatory properties.

Guayusa has an excellent performance as a food ingredient as it blends important quantities of theobromine (also found in dark chocolate), theophylline, vitamins C & D, potassium, magnesium, calcium, zinc, chromium, caffeine and 15 different amino acids.

Our Guayusa leaves are certified organic and are harvested by cooperating with local native tribes of Ecuador. High importance is given to the protection of the natural habitat of the plant. Our

production and transport protocols ensure leaves that are at their highest peak of health-benefits potential and are of the highest quality for human consumption.

## Applications

- Tea blends
- Ready-to-drink (RTD) iced teas
- Energy drinks
- Soft drinks
- Functional foods



## **Cut sizes**

Three different cuts are offered:

- 5-10 Cut (Crushed leaves)
- 10-40 TBC (Tea Bag Cut)
- Leaf Powder

## **Guayusa Extract**

Guayusa extract is a liquid concentrate obtained from green Guayusa leaves. The extract contains a high quantity of caffeine and theobromine, as well as the characteristic amount of antioxidants typically contained in Guayusa leaves. These components turn the Guayusa extract into a natural source of energy ready to be used in RTD drinks and in the industrial beverage sector without the need of processing leaves.

## **Guayusa Leaves Packaging**

- 5-10 Cut (Crushed leaves)  
Shipped in anti-humidity, laminated kraft paper bag. Net Weight 18 Kilograms.
- 10-40 Cut (Tea Bag Cut)  
Shipped in anti-humidity, laminated kraft paper bag. Net Weight 20 Kilograms.
- Leaf Powder  
Shipped in anti-humidity, laminated kraft paper bag. Net Weight 30 Kilograms.

## **Guayusa Extract Packaging**

- 1 liter Food Grade Crystal Bottle.

## **Shipping**

Air freight and sea freight options (partial and full container loads) are available.

**Samples available worldwide upon request.**

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