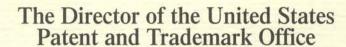
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(57) ABSTRACT

A process for dyeing olives by use of erythrosine includes the following steps:

- (i) de-bittering the olives;
- (ii) immersing the olives in an aqueous erythrosine solution:
- (iii) heating the solution and the olives contained therein;
- (iv) allowing the solution to cool down, contemporarily intermittently blowing cold air into the aqueous crythrosine solution;
- (v) washing olives;
- (vi) pasteurizing the olives.

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