

# Cola and Pepsi to change their recipe

**F**or years Cola and Pepsi have increased sales and have managed to win the adoration of the public. However, in order to carry on selling their product in America, without having to put a cancer warning label on their products, they have had to change their recipes.

Although no evidence has been proven for humans that consuming Cola/Pepsi leads to an increase chance of developing Cancer, there have been many concerns over mice developing brain tumours from the product. Labs proved that the drink had included '4 methyl imidazole', this is the substance which gives cola its distinctive brown colour and this is what has been said to have caused the brain tumours and cancer infections. The state of California's first idea was to put labels on the product, but fearing a drop in sales, the company decided to change the products secret recipe instead (a recipe which is guarded by security 24-hours in a vault in Atlanta). Nobody knows this new recipe yet. Although the original recipe, created by the founder of cola and Pepsi John Pemberton, has been listed below:

- Fluid extract of Coca 3 drams USP
- Citric acid 3 oz.
- Caffeine 1oz
- Sugar 30 (it is unclear from the markings what quantity is required)
- Water 2.5 gal
- Lime juice 2 pints 1 qtr.
- Vanilla 1oz
- Caramel 1.5oz or more to color
- 7Xflavor (use 2oz of flavor to 5 gal's syrup):
- Alcohol 8oz
- Orange oil 20 drops
- Lemon oil 30 drops
- Nutmeg oil 10 drops
- Coriander 5 drops

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Neroli 10 drops

Cinnamon **10 drops**

Many citizens in the USA will be drinking this new product; however Britain and the EU won't. Mainly because the EU food safety authority has assessed '4-methylimidazole' and they do not believe this ingredient is harmful to the UK. So a spokesman from the food agency has said that the recipe will not change for Britain and other countries in the European government.

Contrarily, a Coca-Cola spokesman claimed on Mail online: that Coca Cola was only going to change the production process of one of their ingredients rather than actually change the secret recipe. She said 'The caramel colour in all of our products has been, and always will be safe, and The Coca-Cola Company is not changing the world-famous formula for our Coca-Cola beverages,' According to her input Coca - Cola "has" already asked the manufactures of the main ingredient, to change the process of the manufacturing of the main ingredient: to try to reduce 4-MEL. According to her, Cola will taste the same and continue to be a great beverage.

It is however, very rare for the company to change their recipe in America; following an outcry in 1985 when Coke tried to make coke sweeter, in less than 3 months the company reverted back to the original recipe.