

The aroma-improving agent is present with the aroma-containing component, such as chocolate, cocoa, tea or coffee, in an amount effective to chemically interact with aroma compounds to form an improved aroma-containing component which: (a) enhance a significant portion of one or more of the desirable flavor or sensory characteristics of the aroma in the aroma-containing component; or (b) reduces one or more non-desirable flavor and sensory characteristics. The aroma-improving agent preferably is a nucleophile that contains sulfur or nitrogen, such as sulfur dioxide, sulfites, substances that contain or generate sulfite, thiols, amines or amino acids