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(57) Abstract: A particle having a rounded shape and characterized by a substantially smooth surface is disclosed. The particle can be made of a food substance (e.g., nutritional substance or nutraceutical substance), a pharmaceutical (pharmaceutically active ingredient or pharmaceutically acceptable carrier) or a cosmetic substance.



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spherical, smooth particles for pharmaceutical use  
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2. claims: 1-3 (part), 17, 18, 20, 21, 22(part) 24, 25, 26-35(part)  
spherical, smooth particles for use in food technology  
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3. claims: 1-3 (part), 19, 26-35(part)  
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