## Mediterranean-Style Pepperoni

## with Feta and Herbs

This Mediterranean-style pepperoni combines pork, beef, and lamb with a blend of Mediterranean spices and feta cheese. The addition of Mediterranean tea adds an herbal note that complements the spices beautifully.

**PREP TIME**: 20 minutes **TOTAL TIME**: 1 hour 20 minutes

**COOK TIME:** 1 hour

1 lb ground pork
1/2 lb ground beef
1 t dried oregano
1/2 lb ground lamb
1 t dried thyme

2 t salt 1/4 C crumbled feta cheese

1 t black pepper 1/4 t curing salt (Prague Powder #1)

1 t paprika 1/4 C ice water

1 t cayenne pepper 1/4 C red wine vinegar

1 t crushed red pepper flakes 1/4 C brewed Honeybush Apricot tea,

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MIX SPICES: In a small bowl, combine all the spices and curing salt.

**PREPARE MEAT:** In a large bowl, mix the ground pork, beef, and lamb together. Add the spice mixture and mix until well combined.

**ADD LIQUIDS**: Stir in the ice water, red wine vinegar, brewed Honeybush Apricot tea, and crumbled feta cheese until the mixture is smooth and sticky.

**SHAPE AND WRAP**: Divide the mixture into two equal portions. Shape each portion into a log about 2 inches in diameter. Wrap tightly in plastic wrap.

**REFRIGERATE:** Place the wrapped logs in the refrigerator and let them cure for at least 24 hours.

**BAKE:** Preheat oven to 200°F. Unwrap the logs and place them on a wire rack over a baking sheet. Bake for 1 hour, or until the internal temperature reaches 160°F.

**COOL AND SLICE**: Let the pepperoni cool completely before slicing.