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JOHANNESBURG: Adverts claiming that a tea containing Chinese herbs destroys HIV have been banned by the Advertising Standards Authority (ASA). The ASA said in a ruling released this week that the marketers of Revivo tea, Aconite Medical Suppliers, had produced no credible evidence that the tea had any effect on HIV or AIDS. The website www.revivotea.com had claimed that 11 herbs were tested against the HIV virus in an "independant [sic]" laboratory in California, and again in Hong Kong. "Eleven of them showed significant activity against the HIV virus. Five of them destroyed more than 95 per cent of the virus," it claimed.