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(54) Title: PREPARATION OF 2,3-DIHYDROFURANS (57) Abstract Disclosed is a process for the preparation of 2,3-dihydrofurans from the corresponding isomeric 2,5-dihydrofurans wherein a feed mixture comprising a 2,5-dihydrofuran compound and an aldehyde selected from alkanals containing 2 to 5 carbon atoms and alkenals containing 3 or 4 carbon atoms; an epoxide selected from 1,2-epoxyalkanes containing 2 to 5 carbon atoms and 3,4-epoxy-1-butene; carbon monoxide; or a mixture of 2 or more of such aldehydes, epoxides and carbon monoxide is contacted with a supported, palladium or platinum catalyst to effect the isomerization of 2,5-dihydrofurans to 2,3-dihydrofurans.		