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**HERBICIDE INTERMEDIATE o-NITROPHENYL CYCLOPROPYL
KETONE AND A METHOD FOR THE PREPARATION THEREOF**

ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

There is provided o-nitrophenyl cyclopropyl ketone, a key intermediate in the manufacture of the crop-selective, herbicidal agent 1-{{[o-(cyclopropyl-carbonyl)phenyl]sulfamoyl}-3-(4,6-dimethoxy-2-pyrimidinyl)urea and a method for the preparation of said ketone from dihydro-3-acetyl-2(3H)-furanone and o-nitrobenzoyl halide.