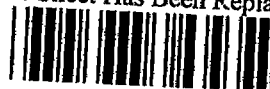


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5 The invention relates to a process for the
preparation of an aminonitrile by partially hydrogenating a
nitrile compound with two or more nitrile groups in the
presence of a catalyst which contains a metal from group 8
of the periodic system of the elements, the hydrogenation
10 being carried out under water-free reaction conditions and
the catalyst having been treated with an alkanolate.
Preferably, the catalyst is a Raney nickel or Raney cobalt
catalyst which has been pretreated with an alkali metal
alkanolate or an earth alkali metal alkanolate such as
15 sodium or potassium methanolate.

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