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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSUREPROCESS FOR TREATMENT OF PETROLEUM ACIDS

The invention is a process for decreasing the acidity of an organic acid containing petroleum oil, comprising contacting said petroleum oil containing organic acids with an effective amount of an alcohol and an effective trace amount of a base selected from Group IA and IIA metal carbonates, hydroxides, phosphates, biphosphates and mixtures of a hydroxide and phosphate and/or biphosphate at a temperature and under conditions sufficient to form the corresponding ester of said alcohol.