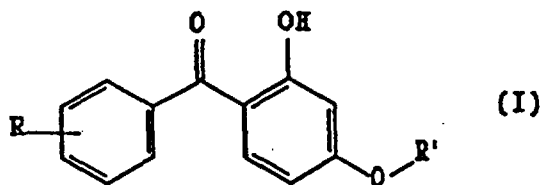


**PROCESS FOR THE MANUFACTURE OF
HYDROXYALKOXYBENZOPHENONES**

ABSTRACT

The invention relates to a process for the manufacture of hydroxyalkoxybenzophenones of general formula:



in which

- R represents a hydrogen atom, a hydroxyl radical or an optionally substituted C₁ to C₂₀ alkyl or aralkyl group,
- R' represents a hydrogen atom or an optionally substituted C₁ to C₂₀, preferably C₁, C₈ or C₁₂, alkyl or aralkyl group,

by reaction of an α,α,α -trihalotoluene with a polyhydroxyphenol or a hydroxyalkoxyphenol.

According to this process, the reaction is carried out in the presence of a sulphur-containing or selenium-containing catalyst consisting of a compound of the mercaptan or seleno-mercaptan type and preferably containing a short C₁ to C₂₀, preferably C₂ to C₁₂, carbon chain which is largely sterically unhindered.