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(54) Title: A PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF COPOLYMERS (57) Abstract A process for the preparation of copolymers of carbon monoxide with an olefinically unsaturated compound comprising copolymerizing the monomers in the presence of a catalyst composition based upon (a) a salt of a Group VIII metal, and (b) a cation which is selected from cationic oxidants and cations of the general formulas $R_nH_{4-n}N^+$, $R_mH_{3-m}C^+$ and $R_mH_{3-m}O^+$, wherein n is 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4, m is 2 or 3, and R represents a hydrocarbyl group and/or two or three of R together with the atom carrying a positive charge represent a ring structure comprising carbon atoms in the ring, on the understanding that when n is 3, at most two of R together with nitrogen represent a heterocyclic ring structure, and when n is 4, three of R together with nitrogen represent an aromatic heterocyclic ring structure.		