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(54) Title: HIGH DI(ALKYL FATTY ESTER) QUATERNARY AMMONIUM COMPOUND FROM TRIETHANOL AMINE (57) Abstract The present invention generally relates to a textile softening composition which comprises, as the softening agent, a quaternary ammonium salt which comprises a mixture of mono-, di- and tri-ester components, wherein the amount of diester quaternary is greater than about 55 % by weight, and the amount of triester quaternary is less than about 25 % by weight based on the total amount of quaternary ammonium salt. The invention also relates to a process for preparing said softening agent.		