

Abstract**Process for preparing dialkyl 1,4-cyclohexanedicarboxylates**

- 5 The invention provides a process for preparing dialkyl 1,4-cyclohexanedicarboxylates by ring hydrogenation of the corresponding dialkyl terephthalate having a CO value of less than 0.3 mg KOH/g. The invention also provides for the use of the dialkyl 1,4-cyclohexanedicarboxylates thus produced as plasticizers or as a component of a plasticizer composition for plastics, in particular PVC.

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