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(54) Title: SOLID COMPOSITION COMPRISING AN AMPHOTERIC SURFACTANT, A PROCESS FOR ITS PREPARATION, AND THE USE THEREOF (57) Abstract The invention relates to a solid composition comprising a hygroscopic amphoteric surfactant and a fatty acid which is substantially free from other detergents and/or detergent additives having a particulate form. Preferably, the fatty acid is a linear, saturated C ₆ -C ₂₂ acid. The weight ratio of amphoteric surfactant to fatty acid in said composition preferably is from 4:1 to 1:2. Examples of amphoteric surfactants include amine oxides and betaines. Preferably, the solid composition of the invention is shaped into granules. The invention further pertains to a process for preparing said composition and to the use of same, for example, in soap bars.		