

ABSTRACT**PARDIES ACETIQUES****5 METHOD FOR PREPARING ACETIC ACID AND/OR METHYL
 ACETATE BY METHYL FORMATE ISOMERISATION**

 A method for preparing acetic acid and/or methyl acetate by means of a
methyl formate isomerisation reaction is disclosed. The method is carried out in
10 the presence of methyl formate, water, a solvent and a catalytic system including
at least one halogenated promoter and at least one iridium compound. According
to the method, a partial carbon monoxide pressure of $0.1 \cdot 10^5$ Pa to $25 \cdot 10^5$ Pa is
maintained during the reaction, and the amount of methyl formate is maintained at
less than 20 wt % based on the weight of the reaction medium.