

[Title of the document] Abstract

[Title of the invention] Process for Producing Cyclic Polyarylene Sulfide

Disclosed is a method for producing a cyclic polyarylene sulfide, wherein a for producing a cyclic polyarylene sulfide is produced by heating a reaction mixture which is composed of at least a linear polyarylene sulfide (a), a sulfidizing agent (b), a dihalogenated aromatic compound (c) and an organic polar solvent (d). This method for producing a cyclic polyarylene sulfide is characterized in that not less than 1.25 liters of the organic polar solvent is used per 1 mole of the sulfur content in the reaction mixture. This method enables to efficiently produce a cyclic polyarylene sulfide, more specifically cyclic oligoarylene sulfide by an economical and simple process in short time.