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(57) Abstract: The invention relates to a process for the preparation of a diaryl carbonate by transesterification of an aromatic alcohol with a dialkyl carbonate in the presence of a transesterification catalyst during a period of time $[t_a]$, in which the aryl moiety is selected from unsubstituted phenyl and mono-, di- and trisubstituted phenyl groups, in which the alkyl moiety is selected from C_2 to C_4 linear and branched alkyl groups, in which the catalyst concentration is designated $[c_a]$, expressed as gram catalyst per gram of aromatic alcohol and dialkyl carbonate, in which the period of time $[t_m]$ and catalyst concentration $[c_m]$ are determined to arrive at a pre-set approach to the equilibrium for the transesterification of the aromatic alcohol with dimethyl carbonate to methyl aryl carbonate and methanol, in which the product $[c_a]*t_a$ is at least $1.5* [c_m]*t_m$, under otherwise the same reaction conditions.



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