

**PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF SUBSTITUTED AND
UNSUBSTITUTED-2,3-PYRIDINEDICARBOXYLATES FROM
CHLOROMALEATE OR CHLOROFUMARATE OR MIXTURES THEREOF**

ABSTRACT

There is provided a process for the preparation of dialkyl pyridinedicarboxylate compounds and derivatives thereof by reacting a dialkyl chloromaleate or chlorofumarate or a mixture thereof with an ammonium salt optionally in the presence of ammonia and an appropriately substituted α,β -unsaturated aldehyde or ketone.