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(54) Title: METHOD FOR THE PRODUCTION OF SOLID MOLDED ARTICLES MADE OF NON-WOOD PLANT MATERIALS

(57) Abstract: The present invention provides a method for the production of a solid molded article comprising non-wood plant material, the method comprising the steps of (a) providing one or more fresh non-wood plant materials having a moisture content from 20 % w/w to 99 % w/w; (b) heating the fresh non-wood plant material at a temperature from 40 °C to 250 °C, in particular, at a temperature from 60 °C to 140 °C, and a pressure from 40 KPa to 750 KPa, in particular, for at least 0.5 h, maintaining the moisture content of the material equal to or higher than 20 % w/w; (c) molding the heated material obtained in step (b); and (d) drying the molded material obtained in step (c). The invention also provides solid molded articles obtainable by the method of the invention.

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