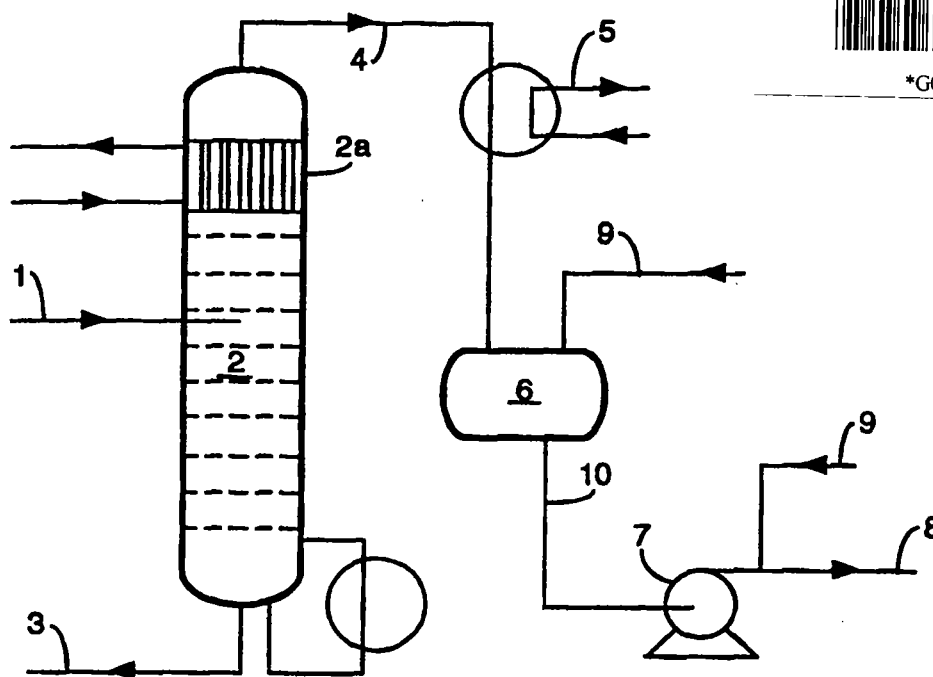




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A process for the preparation of methacrylate esters, wherein (a) propyne is stripped in a distillation column from a solvent stream containing dissolved propyne, to afford a gaseous propyne stream that is subsequently condensed, and (b) the condensed propyne is contacted with carbon monoxide and an alcohol in the presence of a carbonylation catalyst, characterised in that the propyne is stripped in a distillation column that is equipped with an internal condenser to afford partial condensation for the supply of reflux.

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