



ABSTRACT.

A process for the production of a trimellitic acid by oxidizing dialkyl aromatic aldehyde and/or its
5 oxide derivative in a liquid phase, the oxidation being carried out in a lower aliphatic carboxylic acid solvent having a water content of 5 to 70 % by weight in the presence of a catalyst containing a heavy metal and bromine or being carried out in a solvent containing a lower
10 aliphatic carboxylic acid in the presence of a bromine-manganese catalyst system containing zirconium and/or cerium, and a process for the production of high-quality trimellitic acid anhydride from the trimellitic acid.

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