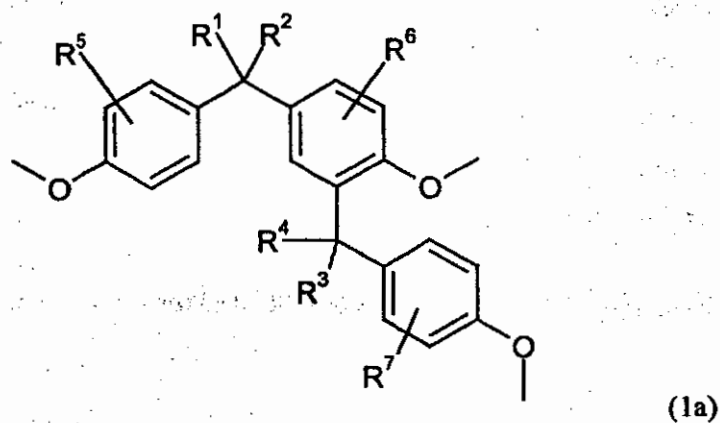


BRANCHED POLYCARBONATES

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A branched polycarbonate and processes for its preparation are disclosed. The polycarbonate contains structural units conforming to



in which R^1 , R^2 , R^3 and R^4 mutually independently denote C_1 - C_{10} alkyl, R^5 , R^6 and R^7 mutually independently denote hydrogen or C_1 - C_{10} alkyl, or R^1 and R^2 , and R^3 and R^4 , with the carbon atom to which they are attached, form a C_5 - C_{10} cycloalkyl group, wherein the cycloalkyl group may be substituted.