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(54) Title: PROCESS FOR THE PRODUCTION OF 2,5-DIHYDROFURAN (57) Abstract This invention pertains to a process for the preparation of 2,5-dihydrofurans by the isomerization of γ,δ-epoxyalkenes in the presence of a catalyst system comprising an organotin compound and an alkali metal iodide.								