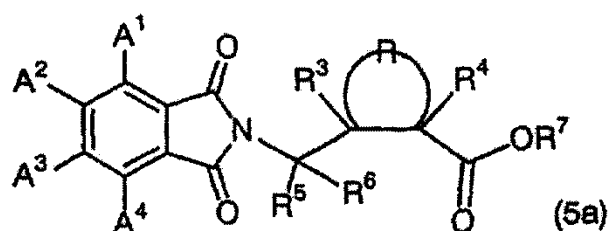


ESTER OF CYCLIC CARBOXYLIC ACID

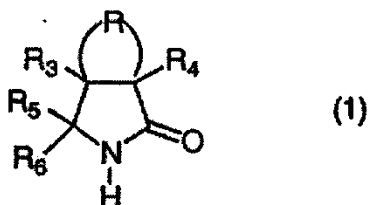
ABSTRACT

5 An ester of the following formula (5a):



[in the formula (5a), R¹, R², R³ and R⁴ are hydrogen atoms and so on, A¹, A², A³ and A⁴ are hydrogen atoms and so on, R represents a methylene group and so on, and R⁷ represents an alkyl group having 1 to 10 carbon atoms and so on]

10 is useful for producing a lactam of the following formula (1):



which is an intermediate compound of chemical raw materials and medical agricultural drugs.