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(57) Abstract

This invention relates to a process for the production of lower aliphatic esters, said process comprising reacting a lower olefin with a saturated lower aliphatic mono-carboxylic acid in the vapour phase in the presence of a heteropolyacid catalyst, characterised in that the reactants are rendered substantially free of basic nitrogenous compounds prior to being brought into contact with the heteropolyacid catalyst.



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