

DESCRIPTION

Title of Invention: LIQUID DETERGENT COMPOSITION FOR
TEXTILE PRODUCTS

Field of the Invention

[0001]

The present invention relates to a liquid detergent composition for textile products, and a method for producing a liquid detergent composition for textile products.

Background of the Invention

[0002]

Heretofore, an anionic surfactant, particularly an alkylbenzene sulfonate, a nonionic surfactant having an oxyalkylene group having 2 or 3 carbon atoms and an olefin sulfonate, particularly an internal olefin sulfonate obtained by using, as a raw material, an internal olefin with a double bond not at the end of an olefin chain but inside the olefin chain have been widely used as household and industrial detergent components.

[0003]

JP-A 2015-28123 and JP-A 2014-77126 disclose an internal olefin sulfonate composition excellent in foamability and the like which contains an internal olefin sulfonate having 16 carbon atoms and an internal

olefin sulfonate having 18 carbon atoms in a specific ratio and having a specific ratio of hydroxy form/olefin form. They describe that a solubilizing agent such as propylene glycol is used.

[0004]

JP-A 2003-81935 discloses an internal olefin sulfonate characterized in that it is obtained by sulfonating, neutralizing and hydrolyzing an internal olefin having 8 to 30 carbon atoms in which the total percentage of double bonds present at position 2 is 20 to 95% and the cis/trans ratio is 1/9 to 6/4. As a prior art, an internal olefin sulfonate, in which the position of a double bond is described, is described.

[0005]

EP-A 377261 discloses a detergent composition containing an internal olefin sulfonate, in which its β -hydroxy form is 25% or more, having an excellent detergent property. As a specific example, it describes a liquid laundry detergent containing monopropylene glycol.

[0006]

JP-A 2011-32456 describes the use of a water-miscible organic solvent from the viewpoint of improving the stability and solubility of a liquid detergent composition.

Summary of the Invention

[0007]

The present invention provides a liquid detergent composition for textile products that can prevent solid matter from generating in the composition and prevent the composition from separating even when exposed to a low temperature environment.

[0008]

The present invention relates to a liquid detergent composition for textile products containing the following component (A) in an amount of 10% by mass or more and 60% by mass or less, the following component (B), and water:

component (A): an internal olefin sulfonate having 14 or more and 16 or less carbon atoms, wherein the mass ratio of an internal olefin sulfonate having 14 or more and 16 or less carbon atoms with the sulfonate group at position 2 or higher and position 4 or lower (IO-1S) to an internal olefin sulfonate having 14 or more and 16 or less carbon atoms with the sulfonate group at position 5 or higher (IO-2S), $(IO-1S)/(IO-2S)$, is 0.50 or more and 4.2 or less; and

Component (B): an organic solvent having a hydroxy group.

[0009]

In one aspect, the present invention relates to a liquid detergent composition for textile products containing the following component (A) in an amount of

10% by mass or more and 60% by mass or less, the following component (B), and water:

component (A): an internal olefin sulfonate obtained from an internal olefin having 14 or more and 16 or less carbon atoms, wherein the mass ratio of an olefin having 14 or more and 16 or less carbon atoms with a double bond at position 1 or higher and position 3 or lower (IO-1) to an olefin having 14 or more and 16 or less carbon atoms with a double bond at position 5 or higher (IO-2), (IO-1)/(IO-2) is 0.60 or more and 5.0 or less; and

Component (B): an organic solvent having a hydroxy group.

[0010]

In another aspect, the present invention relates to a liquid detergent composition for textile products containing the following component (A) in an amount of 10% by mass or more and 60% by mass or less, the following component (B), and water:

component (A): an internal olefin sulfonate having 14 or more and 16 or less carbon atoms, wherein the mass ratio of an internal olefin sulfonate having 14 or more and 16 or less carbon atoms with the sulfonate group at position 2 or higher and position 4 or lower (IO-1S) to an internal olefin sulfonate having 14 or more and 16 or less carbon atoms with the sulfonate group at position 5 or higher (IO-2S), (IO-1S)/(IO-2S), is 0.50 or more and 4.2 or less; and wherein the internal olefin sulfonate is

an internal olefin sulfonate obtained from an internal olefin having 14 or more and 16 or less carbon atoms, wherein the mass ratio of an olefin having 14 or more and 16 or less carbon atoms with a double bond at position 1 or higher and position 3 or lower (IO-1) to an olefin having 14 or more and 16 or less carbon atoms with a double bond at position 5 or higher (IO-2), $(IO-1)/(IO-2)$ is 0.60 or more and 5.0 or less; and

Component (B): an organic solvent having a hydroxy group.

[0011]

The present invention also relates to a method for producing a liquid detergent composition for textile products, including mixing the following component (A), the following component (B), and water, wherein the percentage of component (A) in all components to be mixed is 10% by mass or more and 60% by mass or less:

component (A): an internal olefin sulfonate having 14 or more and 16 or less carbon atoms, wherein the mass ratio of an internal olefin sulfonate having 14 or more and 16 or less carbon atoms with the sulfonate group at position 2 or higher and position 4 or lower (IO-1S) to an internal olefin sulfonate having 14 or more and 16 or less carbon atoms with the sulfonate group at position 5 or higher (IO-2S), $(IO-1S)/(IO-2S)$, is 0.50 or more and 4.2 or less; and

Component (B): an organic solvent having a hydroxy group.

[0012]

According to the present invention, it is possible to provide a liquid detergent composition for textile products that can prevent solid matter from generating in the composition and prevent the composition from separating even when exposed to a low temperature environment.

Embodiments of the Invention

[0013]

<Liquid detergent composition for textile products>

The present inventors have found that, even when a liquid detergent composition for textile products containing an organic solvent having a hydroxy group and water, the use of an internal olefin sulfonate having 14 or more and 16 or less carbon atoms, wherein the mass ratio of an internal olefin sulfonate having 14 or more and 16 or less carbon atoms with the sulfonate group at position 2 or higher and position 4 or lower (IO-1S) to an internal olefin sulfonate having 14 or more and 16 or less carbon atoms with the sulfonate group at position 5 or higher (IO-2S), $(IO-1S)/(IO-2S)$, is 0.50 or more and 4.2 or less can prevent solid matter from generating in the composition and prevent the composition from separating. Heretofore, it has not been known that

liquid detergent compositions containing an internal olefin sulfonate differ in the low temperature stability and the detergent property depending on the position at which a sulfonate group is attached to the internal olefin sulfonate.

The internal olefin sulfonate may be an internal olefin sulfonate obtained from an internal olefin having 14 or more and 16 or less carbon atoms, wherein the mass ratio of an olefin having 14 or more and 16 or less carbon atoms with a double bond at position 1 or higher and position 3 or lower (IO-1) to an olefin having 14 or more and 16 or less carbon atoms with a double bond at position 5 or higher (IO-2), $(IO-1)/(IO-2)$ is 0.60 or more and 5.0 or less.

[0014]

<Component (A)>

Component (A) of the present invention is an internal olefin sulfonate having 14 or more and 16 or less carbon atoms, wherein the mass ratio of an internal olefin sulfonate having 14 or more and 16 or less carbon atoms with the sulfonate group at position 2 or higher and position 4 or lower (IO-1S) to an internal olefin sulfonate having 14 or more and 16 or less carbon atoms with the sulfonate group at position 5 or higher (IO-2S), $(IO-1S)/(IO-2S)$, is 0.50 or more and 4.2 or less, and has the effect of washing off stains attached to fibers. In addition, even when a liquid detergent composition for

textile products containing water and an organic solvent having a hydroxy group is exposed to a low temperature, solid matter can be prevented from precipitating in the composition and the composition can be prevented from separating. Component (A) can be obtained by sulfonating an internal olefin having 14 or more and 16 or less carbon atoms. (IO-2S) is preferably an olefin having 14 or more and 16 or less carbon atoms with the sulfonate group at position 5 or higher and position 9 or lower.

Component (A) is an internal olefin sulfonate having 14 or more and 16 or less carbon atoms. In addition, component (A) contains an internal olefin sulfonate having 14 or more and 16 or less carbon atoms with the sulfonate group at position 2 or higher and position 4 or lower (IO-1S) and an internal olefin sulfonate having 14 or more and 16 or less carbon atoms with the sulfonate group at position 5 or higher (IO-2S), and the mass ratio of (IO-1S)/ (IO-2S) is 0.50 or more and 4.2 or less.

[0015]

From the viewpoint of preventing solid matter from precipitating in a liquid detergent composition for textile products of the present invention and preventing the composition from separating even when the composition is exposed to a low temperature, (IO-1S)/(IO-2S), which is the mass ratio of the content of (IO-1S) to the content of (IO-2S) in component (A), is 0.50 or more, preferably 0.60 or more, more preferably 0.80 or more,

further preferably 1.0 or more and furthermore preferably 1.2 or more, and 4.2 or less, preferably 4.0 or less, more preferably 3.6 or less and further preferably 3.2 or less.

From the viewpoint that the liquid detergent composition for textile products of the present invention can better wash off stains attached to textile products, the mass ratio of (IO-1)/ (IO-2) is 0.50 or more, preferably 0.80 or more, more preferably 0.70 or more, further preferably 0.80 or more, furthermore preferably 1.0 or more and furthermore preferably 1.4 or more, and 4.2 or less.

The content of each of compounds with the sulfonate group at different positions in component (A) can be measured by a high performance liquid chromatography/mass spectrometer (hereinafter abbreviated as HPLC-MS). The content of each of compounds with the sulfonate group at different positions in the present specification will be determined as the mass ratio based the HPLC-MS peak area of the compound with the sulfonate group at each position in all HAS forms of component (A). HAS is a hydroxyalkane sulfonate, i.e., a hydroxy form of an internal olefin sulfonate, among compounds produced by sulfonating an internal olefin sulfonate.

[0016]

In the present invention, an internal olefin sulfonate having 14 or more and 16 or less carbon atoms

with the sulfonate group at position 2 or higher and position 4 or less (IO-1S) refers to a sulfonate having 14 or more and 16 or less carbon atoms with the sulfonate group at position 2 or higher and position 4 or less, among HAS forms having 14 or more and 16 or less carbon atoms.

On the other hand, an internal olefin sulfonate having 14 or more and 16 or less carbon atoms with the sulfonate group at position 5 or higher (IO-2S) refers to a sulfonate having 14 or more and 16 or less carbon atoms with the sulfonate group at position 5 or higher, among HAS forms having 14 or more and 16 or less carbon atoms.

[0017]

The internal olefin sulfonate which is component (A) includes and is composed of an internal olefin sulfonate having 14 or more and 16 or less carbon atoms with the sulfonate group at position 2 or higher and position 4 or lower (IO-1S) and an internal olefin sulfonate having 14 or more and 16 or less carbon atoms with the sulfonate group at position 5 or higher (IO-2S). The position at which the sulfonic acid group is bonded most frequently in the olefin (IO-2S) varies depending on the number of carbon atoms.

[0018]

The mass ratio (IO-1S)/ (IO-2S) in component (A) is based on the component (A) finally obtained. For example, even if the internal olefin sulfonate is one obtained by

mixing the internal olefin sulfonates having the mass ratio (IO-1S)/(IO-2S) out of the above range, it corresponds to the internal olefin sulfonate of component (A) as long as the mass ratio (IO-1S)/(IO-2S) in the composition of the internal olefin sulfonate is in the above range.

[0019]

From the viewpoint of further improving the detergent property against stains attached to textile products, the number of carbon atoms of the internal olefin sulfonate of component (A) is 14 or more and preferably 15 or more, and 16 or less. The content of the internal olefin sulfonate having 15 or more and 16 or less carbon atoms in component (A) is preferably 60% by mass or more, more preferably 70% by mass or more and further preferably 80% by mass or more, and 100% by mass or less, in that it can enjoy the effect of the present invention.

[0020]

Examples of the salt of the internal olefin sulfonate include an alkali metal salt, an alkaline earth metal (1/2 atom) salt, an ammonium salt or an organic ammonium salt. Examples of the alkali metal salt include a sodium salt and a potassium salt. Examples of the organic ammonium salt include an alkanolammonium salt having 1 or more and 6 or less carbon atoms.

[0021]

Component (A) of the present invention can be obtained by using as a raw material an internal olefin having 14 or more and 16 or less carbon atoms, wherein the mass ratio of an olefin having 14 or more and 16 or less carbon atoms with a double bond at position 1 or higher and position 3 or lower (IO-1) to an olefin having 14 or more and 16 or less carbon atoms with a double bond at position 5 or higher, (IO-2), $(IO-1)/(IO-2)$ is 0.60 or more and 5.0 or less. Accordingly, the internal olefin used to obtain component (A) may be composed of an olefin having 14 or more and 16 or less carbon atoms with a double bond at position 1 or higher and position 3 or lower (IO-1), an olefin having 14 or more and 16 or less carbon atoms with a double bond at position 4 and an olefin having 14 or more and 16 or less carbon atoms with a double bond at position 5 or higher (IO-2). The position at which the double bond occurs most frequently in the olefin (IO-2) varies depending on the number of carbon atoms.

[0022]

From the viewpoint of preventing solid matter from precipitating in a liquid detergent composition for textile products of the present invention and preventing the composition from separating even when the composition is exposed to a low temperature, the mass ratio of an olefin having 14 or more and 16 or less carbon atoms with a double bond at position 1 or higher and position 3 or

lower (IO-1) to an olefin having 14 or more and 16 or less carbon atoms with a double bond at position 5 or higher (IO-2), (IO-1)/(IO-2) in the internal olefin having 14 or more and 16 or less carbon atoms is preferably 0.60 or more, more preferably 0.65 or more, further preferably 0.70 or more, furthermore preferably 0.80 or more and furthermore preferably 0.85 or more, and preferably 5.0 or less, more preferably 4.5 or less, further preferably 4.0 or less, and furthermore preferably 3.5 or less.

In addition, from the viewpoint that the liquid detergent composition for textile products of the present invention can wash off more stains attached to textile products, (IO-1)/ (IO-2) is preferably 0.60 or more, more preferably 0.65 or more, further preferably 0.70 or more, furthermore preferably 0.80 or more and furthermore preferably 0.85 or more, furthermore preferably 1.0 or more, and preferably 5.0 or less.

[0023]

The mass ratio (IO-1)/ (IO-2) in the internal olefin to obtain component (A) is based on the component (A) finally obtained. For example, even if the internal olefin sulfonate is one obtained by mixing internal olefin sulfonates obtained by using as a raw material olefins having the mass ratio (IO-1)/(IO-2) out of the above range, it can correspond to the internal olefin sulfonate of component (A) obtained by using a

predetermined olefin as a raw material, as long as the mass ratio (IO-1)/(IO-2) in the composition of the olefin corresponding to the olefin as a raw material is in the above range.

[0024]

From the viewpoint of further improving the detergent property against stains attached to textile products, the number of carbon atoms of the olefin as a raw material for component (A) is 14 or more and preferably 15 or more, and 16 or less. The content of the olefin having 15 or more and 16 or less carbon atoms in the olefin as a raw material for component (A) is preferably 60% by mass or more, more preferably 70% by mass or more and further preferably 80% by mass or more, and 100% by mass or less, in that it can enjoy the effect of the present invention.

[0025]

The internal olefin as a raw material for component (A) includes those containing a trace amount of so-called alpha-olefin (hereinafter also referred to as α -olefin) in which the double bond is at the position 1 of the carbon chain. The content of the α -olefin in the internal olefin is, from the viewpoint that the liquid detergent composition for textile products can prevent solid matter from precipitating and prevent the composition from separating even when the composition is exposed to a low temperature, preferably 10% by mass or

less, more preferably 7% by mass or less, further preferably 5% by mass or less and furthermore preferably 3% by mass or less, and from the viewpoint of reducing production cost and improving productivity, preferably 0.01% by mass or more.

[0026]

When an internal olefin is sulfonated, β -sultone is produced quantitatively, and a part of β -sultone is changed to γ -sultone and an olefin sulfonic acid, and further converted to a hydroxyalkane sulfonate and an olefin sulfonate in the process of neutralization and hydrolysis (e.g., J. Am. Oil Chem. Soc. 69, 39 (1992)). The hydroxy group of the resulting hydroxyalkane sulfonate is inside the alkane chain, and the double bond of the olefin sulfonate is inside the olefin chain. The resulting product contains mainly a mixture of these, and may contain, in some cases, a trace amount of a hydroxyalkane sulfonate having a hydroxy group at the end of its carbon chain or an olefin sulfonate having a double bond at the end of its carbon chain.

[0027]

In the present specification, each of these products and a mixture thereof are collectively referred to as "internal olefin sulfonate" (component (A)). In addition, "hydroxyalkane sulfonate" is referred to as "hydroxy form of internal olefin sulfonate" ("HAS"), and "olefin

sulfonate" as "olefin form of internal olefin sulfonate" (hereinafter also referred to "IOS").

The mass ratio of the compound in component (A) can be measured by HPLC-MS. Specifically, the mass ratio can be determined from the HPLC-MS peak area of component (A).
[0028]

Distribution of a double bond in the olefin as a raw material can be measured, for example, by gas chromatograph mass spectrometer (hereinafter abbreviated as GC-MS). Specifically, each component different in the carbon chain length and the double bond position is precisely separated from each other by a gas chromatograph analyzer (hereinafter abbreviated as GC), and each component can be subjected to a mass spectrometer (hereinafter abbreviated as MS) to identify the double bond position, and the percentage of each component can be determined from its GC peak area. As the content of the olefin having a double bond at the particular position described above, the value determined from the GC peak area is used. In addition, the position distribution of the double bonds when mixing and using olefins having different number of carbon atoms is represented by the position distribution of double bonds in olefins having the same number of carbon atoms.
[0029]

In the present specification, the position distribution of the double bonds of olefins as a raw

material for internal olefin sulfonates when mixing and using a plurality of internal olefin sulfonates obtained from a plurality of olefins different in the position of the double bond as a raw material is calculated based on the position distribution of double bonds in olefins having the same number of carbon atoms.

[0030]

<Component (B)>

Component (B) is an organic solvent having a hydroxy group, and generally used as a solubilizing agent. Those skilled in the art have been searching for an optimal organic solvent by varying the type and content of surfactant contained in the liquid detergent composition. Regulating the double bond distribution of the olefin as a raw material for component (A) can expand the choice of the organic solvent having a hydroxy group, and those skilled in the art can expand the flexibility of formulation design of the liquid detergent composition for textile products.

[0031]

Even when the liquid detergent composition for textile products of the present invention is placed in a low temperature environment, component (B) is, from the viewpoint of preventing solid matter from precipitating in the composition and preventing the composition from separating, preferably an organic solvent having CLogP of -1.5 or more and 2 or less. CLogP used in the present

invention is the value calculated by using ChemProperty of ChemBioDraw Ultra ver. 14.0, by PerkinElmer, Inc. The larger value of ClogP represents the higher hydrophobicity.

[0032]

From the viewpoint of preventing solid matter from precipitating and separating in a low temperature environment, component (B) is an organic solvent having CLogP of preferably -1.4 or more, more preferably -1.2 or more, further preferably -1 or more, furthermore preferably -0.8 or more, further preferably -0.5 or more, furthermore preferably -0.1 or more, furthermore preferably 0 or more, furthermore preferably 0.2 or more, furthermore preferably 0.4 or more and furthermore preferably 0.6 or more, and preferably 2 or less, more preferably 1.8 or less, further preferably 1.7 or less, furthermore preferably 1.6 or less and furthermore preferably 1.5 or less.

[0033]

Examples of component (B) include one or more organic solvents selected from the following components (B1) to (B4):

component (B1): a monohydric alcohol having 2 or more and 6 or less carbon atoms;

Component (B2): an alcohol having 2 or more and 12 or less carbon atoms and 2 or more and 12 or less hydroxy groups;

component (B3): an organic solvent having a hydrocarbon group having 1 or more and 8 or less carbon atoms, an ether group and a hydroxy group (provided that an aromatic group is excluded from the hydrocarbon group); and

component (B4): an organic solvent having an optionally partially substituted aromatic group, an ether group and a hydroxy group.

Specific examples of components (B1) to (B4) are shown below. Each of the figures in parentheses is the value (CLogP) calculated by using ChemProperty of ChemBioDraw Ultra ver. 14.0, by PerkinElmer, Inc.

[0034]

Examples of the monohydric alcohol having 2 or more and 6 or less carbon atoms which is component (B1) include ethanol (-0.24), 1-propanol (0.29), 2-propanol (0.07) and phenol (1.48).

[0035]

Examples of the alcohol having 2 or more and 12 or less carbon atoms and 2 or more and 12 or less hydroxy groups which is component (B2) include ethylene glycol (-1.4), propylene glycol (-1.1), butylene glycol (-0.73), hexylene glycol (-0.02), diethylene glycol (-1.3), triethylene glycol (-1.5), tetraethylene glycol (-1.66), dipropylene glycol (-0.69), tripropylene glycol (-0.55) and glycerol (-1.5).

[0036]

Examples of the organic solvent having a hydrocarbon group having 1 or more and 8 or less carbon atoms, an ether group and a hydroxy group which is component (B3) (provided that an aromatic group is excluded from the hydrocarbon group) include diethylene glycol monomethyl ether (-0.78), diethylene glycol dimethyl ether (-0.26), triethylene glycol monomethyl ether (-0.96), diethylene glycol monoethyl ether (-0.39), diethylene glycol diethyl ether (0.52), diethylene glycol monobutyl ether (0.67), dipropylene glycol monomethyl ether (-0.16), dipropylene glycol monoethyl ether (0.23), tripropylene glycol monomethyl ether (-0.03), 1-methoxy-2-propanol (-0.30), 1-ethoxy-2-propanol (0.09), 1-methyl glycerol ether (-1.43), 2-methyl glycerol ether (-0.73), 1,3-dimethyl glycerol ether (-0.67), 1-ethyl glycerol ether (-1.04), 1,3-diethyl glycerol ether (0.11), triethyl glycerol ether (0.83), 1-pentyl glyceryl ether (0.54), 2-pentyl glyceryl ether (1.25), 1-octyl glyceryl ether (2.1) and 2-ethylhexyl glyceryl ether (2.0).

[0037]

Examples of the organic solvent having an optionally partially substituted aromatic group, an ether group and a hydroxy group which is component (B4) include 2-phenoxyethanol (1.2), diethylene glycol monophenyl ether (1.25), triethylene glycol monophenyl ether (1.08), polyethylene glycol monophenyl ether having an average molecular weight of approximately 480 (not calculated),

2-benzyloxy ethanol (1.1) and diethylene glycol monobenzyl ether (0.96).

[0038]

Component (B) is preferably an organic solvent having a hydroxy group selected from component (B3) and component (B4) and having the above-mentioned ClogP of - 1.2 or more and 1.5 or less.

[0039]

<Water>

The liquid detergent composition for textile products of the present invention contains water. For example, in order to bring the composition of the present invention into a liquid state at 4°C or more and 40°C or less, water can be contained therein. Water to be used can be deionized water (sometimes also referred to as ion-exchanged water) or ion-exchanged water having sodium hypochlorite added at 1 mg/kg or more and 5 mg/kg or less thereto. Tap water can be also used.

[0040]

<Fibers>

The fiber constituting textile products to be washed with the liquid detergent composition for textile products of the present invention may be either a hydrophobic fiber or a hydrophilic fiber. Examples of the hydrophobic fiber include a protein-based fiber (such as cow milk protein casein fiber or promix), a polyamide-based fiber (such as nylon), a polyester-based fiber

(such as polyester), a polyacrylonitrile-based fiber (such as acrylic), a polyvinyl alcohol-based fiber (such as vinylon), a polyvinyl chloride-based fiber (such as polyvinyl chloride), a polyvinylidene chloride-based fiber (such as vinylidene), a polyolefin-based fiber (such as polyethylene or polypropylene), a polyurethane-based fiber (such as polyurethane), a polyvinyl chloride/polyvinyl alcohol copolymer-based fiber (such as polychlal), a polyalkylene paraoxybenzoate-based fiber (such as benzoate), a polyfluoroethylene-based fiber (such as polytetrafluoroethylene), a glass fiber, a carbon fiber, an alumina fiber, a silicon carbide fiber, a rock fiber, a slag fiber and a metal fiber (a gold thread, a silver thread or a steel fiber). Examples of the hydrophilic fiber include a seed hair fiber (such as cotton, arboreous cotton or kapok), a bast fiber (such as linen, flax, ramie, hemp or jute), vein fiber (such as manila hemp or sisal hemp), coconut fiber, rush, straw, an animal hair fiber (such as wool, mohair, cashmere, camel hair, alpaca, vicuna or angora), a silk fiber (domesticated silkworm silk or wild silkworm silk), a feather and down and a cellulosic fiber (such as rayon, polynosic, cupra or acetate).

The fiber is preferably a textile product containing a cotton fiber.

[0041]

<Textile product>

In the present invention, the textile product refers to a cloth produced by using the above-mentioned hydrophobic fiber or hydrophilic fiber such as a woven fabric, a knitted fabric or a nonwoven fabric, and a product obtained by using the cloth such as an undershirt, a T-shirt, a business shirt, a blouse, pants, a hat, a handkerchief, a towel, a knit, socks, an underwear or tights. From the viewpoint that the softness of fibers after washing with the liquid detergent composition for textile products of the present invention is more easily felt, the textile product is preferably a textile product containing a cotton fiber. From the viewpoint of further improving the softness of fibers, the content of the cotton fiber in the textile product is preferably 5% by mass or more, more preferably 10% by mass or more, further preferably 15% by mass or more, furthermore preferably 20% by mass or more and furthermore preferably 100%.

[0042]

<Composition and others>

The content of component (A) in the liquid detergent composition for textile products of the present invention is, from the viewpoint of further improving the detergent property per mass of the liquid detergent composition for textile products when washing fibers, 10% by mass or more, preferably 11% by mass or more and more preferably 12% by mass or more, and from the viewpoint of preventing solid

matter from precipitating in the composition and preventing the composition from separating in a low temperature environment, 60% by mass or less, more preferably 50% by mass or less and further preferably 40% by mass or less.

The content of component (A) contained in the liquid detergent composition for textile products is based on the value calculated assuming that the counter ion is a sodium ion. That is, the content calculated based on the form of a sodium salt.

[0043]

It is preferable in the present invention that the percentage of component (A) in all anionic surfactants contained in the liquid detergent composition for textile products is 50% by mass or more, further 60% by mass or more, further 70% by mass or more, further 80% by mass or more, and 100% by mass or less.

[0044]

It is preferable in the present invention that the percentage of an internal olefin sulfonate having 15 or more and 16 or less carbon atoms contained in component (A) in all anionic surfactants contained in the liquid detergent composition for textile products is 60% by mass or more, further 70% by mass or more, further 80% by mass or more and further 90% by mass or more, and 100% by mass or less.

[0045]

The content of component (B) in the liquid detergent composition for textile products of the present invention is, from the viewpoint of preventing solid matter from precipitating in the composition and preventing the composition from separating in a low temperature environment, preferably 4% by mass or more and more preferably 5% by mass or more, and preferably 40% by mass or less, more preferably 35% by mass or less, further preferably 30% by mass or less and furthermore preferably 25% by mass or less.

[0046]

The content of water in the liquid detergent composition for textile products of the present invention is, from the viewpoint of preventing solid matter from precipitating in the composition and preventing the composition from separating in a low temperature environment, preferably 10% by mass or more and more preferably 15% by mass or more, and preferably 85% by mass or less and more preferably 80% by mass or less.

[0047]

<Optional Components>

Surfactants other than component (A) can be contained as component (C) in the liquid detergent composition for textile products of the present invention, as long as they do not interfere with the effect of the present invention. Examples of component (C) include one

or more surfactants selected from anionic surfactants other than component (A) and nonionic surfactants.

[0048]

Examples of component (C) include one or more surfactants selected from the following component (c1), component (c2), component (c3) and component (c4):

component (c1): alkyl or alkenyl sulfate,

component (c2): polyoxyalkylene alkyl ether sulfate or polyoxyalkylene alkenyl ether sulfate,

component (c3): an anionic surfactant having a sulfonate group (except for component (A)), and

component (c4): a fatty acid or a salt thereof.

[0049]

Specific examples of component (c1) include one or more anionic surfactants selected from alkyl sulfates having an alkyl group having 10 or more and 18 or less carbon atoms and alkenyl sulfates having an alkenyl group having 10 or more and 18 or less carbon atoms. From the viewpoint of improving the detergent property, component (c1) is preferably one or more anionic surfactants selected from alkyl sulfates having an alkyl group having 12 or more and 14 or less carbon atoms, and more preferably one or more anionic surfactants selected from sodium alkyl sulfates having an alkyl group having 12 or more and 14 or less carbon atoms.

[0050]

Specific examples of component (c2) include one or more anionic surfactants selected from a polyoxyalkylene alkyl sulfate having an alkyl group having 10 or more and 18 or less carbon atoms and having an average number of moles of added alkylene oxide of 1 or more and 3 or less, and a polyoxyalkylene alkenyl ether sulfate having an alkenyl group having 10 or more and 18 or less carbon atoms and having an average number of moles of added alkylene oxide of 1 or more and 3 or less. From the viewpoint of improving the detergent property, component (c2) is preferably a polyoxyethylene alkyl sulfate having an average mole number of ethylene oxide added of 1 or more and 2.2 or less, more preferably a polyoxyethylene alkyl sulfate having an alkyl group having 12 or more and 14 or less carbon atoms and having an average number of moles of added ethylene oxide of 1 or more and 2.2 or less, and further preferably a sodium salt thereof.

[0051]

An anionic surfactant having a sulfonate group as component (c3) refers to an anionic surfactant having a sulfonate as a hydrophilic group (except for component (A)).

Specific examples of component (c3) include one or more anionic surfactants selected from an alkylbenzene sulfonate having an alkyl group having 10 or more and 18 or less carbon atoms, an alkenylbenzene sulfonate having an alkenyl group having 10 or more and 18 or less carbon

atoms, an alkane sulfonate having an alkyl group having 10 or more and 18 or less carbon atoms, an α -olefin sulfonate having an α -olefin moiety having 10 or more and 18 or less carbon atoms, an α -sulfofatty acid salt having a fatty acid moiety having 10 or more and 18 or less carbon atoms, and an α -sulfofatty acid lower alkyl ester salt having a fatty acid moiety having 10 or more and 18 or less carbon atoms and an ester moiety having 1 or more and 5 or less carbon atoms. From the viewpoint of improving the detergent property, component (c3) is preferably an alkylbenzene sulfonate having an alkyl group having 11 or more and 14 or less carbon atoms, and more preferably a sodium alkylbenzene sulfonate having an alkyl group having 11 or more and 14 or less carbon atoms.

[0052]

Examples of a fatty acid or a salt thereof as component (c4) include a fatty acid or a salt thereof having 10 or more and 20 or less carbon atoms. From the viewpoint of further increasing the effect of softening fibers of component (A), the number of carbon atoms of component (c4) is 10 or more, preferably 12 or more and more preferably 14 or more, and 20 or less and preferably 18 or less.

[0053]

The salt of an anionic surfactant as components (c1) to (c4) is preferably an alkali metal salt, more

preferably a sodium salt or a potassium salt, and further preferably a sodium salt.

[0054]

When component (C) is an anionic surfactant other than component (A), its content in the composition is preferably 0.5% by mass or more and 15% by mass or less.

[0055]

In addition, examples of component (C) other than those described above include component (c5) which is a nonionic surfactant having a hydroxy group or polyoxyalkylene group. Examples of the nonionic surfactant include a polyoxyethylene alkyl ether having an alkyl group with 10 or more and 18 or less carbon atoms and the average number of moles of added alkylene oxide of 3 or more and 60 or less. Examples of the alkylene oxide include ethylene oxide and/or propylene oxide.

When component (C) is a nonionic surfactant, the content thereof in the composition is preferably 0.5% by mass or more and 40% by mass or less.

[0056]

In addition to these components, the following components (d1) to (d7) may be blended into the liquid detergent composition for textile products of the present invention:

(d1) 0.01% by mass or more and 10% by mass or less in the composition of an anti-stain redeposition agent

and a dispersing agent such as polyacrylic acid,
polymaleic acid or carboxymethyl cellulose,

(d2) 0.01% by mass or more and 10% by mass or less
in the composition of a bleaching agent such as hydrogen
peroxide, sodium percarbonate or sodium perborate,

(d3) 0.01% by mass or more and 10% by mass or less
in the composition of a bleaching activator such as
tetraacetylenediamine or bleaching activators
represented by the general formulas (I-2) to (I-7)
described in JP-A 6-316700,

(d4) 0.001% by mass or more, preferably 0.01% by
mass or more, more preferably 0.1% by mass or more and
further preferably 0.3% by mass or more, and 2% by mass
or less and preferably 1% by mass or less in the
composition of one or more enzymes selected from
cellulase, amylase, pectinase, protease and lipase and
preferably one or more enzymes selected from amylase and
protease,

(d5) 0.001% by mass or more and 1% by mass or less
in the composition of a fluorescent dye such as a
fluorescent dye commercially available as a Tinopal CBS
(trade name, manufactured by Ciba Specialty Chemicals) or
Whitex SA (trade name, manufactured by Sumitomo Chemical
Co., Ltd.),

(d6) 0.01% by mass or more and 2% by mass or less in
the composition of an antioxidant such as

butylhydroxytoluene, distyrenated cresol, sodium sulfite or sodium hydrogen sulfite, and

(d7) an appropriate amount of a pigment, a perfume, an antimicrobial preservative or a defoaming agent such as silicone.

[0057]

The pH of the liquid detergent composition for textile products of the present invention at 20°C is, from the viewpoint of preventing solid matter from precipitating in the composition and preventing the composition from separating in a low temperature environment, preferably 3 or more and more preferably 4 or more, and preferably 10 or less, more preferably 9 or less and further preferably 8 or less. The pH is measured according to the method for measuring pH described below.

<pH Measurement method>

A pH measuring composite electrode (glass fitting sleeve-type, manufactured by HORIBA, Ltd.) is connected to a pH meter (pH/ion meter F-23, manufactured by HORIBA, Ltd.) and the power is turned on. A saturated potassium chloride aqueous solution (3.33 mol/L) is used as an internal liquid for pH electrode. Next, each of a pH 4.01 standard solution (a phthalate standard solution), a pH 6.86 standard solution (a neutral phosphate standard solution) and a pH 9.18 standard solution (a borate standard solution) is filled in a 100 mL beaker, and

immersed in a thermostat bath at 25°C for 30 minutes. The pH measuring electrode is immersed for 3 minutes in each of the standard solutions adjusted to a constant temperature, and subjected to calibration operation in the order of pH 6.86 → pH 9.18 → pH 4.01. Each of samples to be measured is adjusted to 25°C, the electrode of the pH meter is immersed in the sample, and the pH after 1 minute is measured.

[0058]

The present invention provides a method for washing textile products, including washing the textile products with a detergent liquid containing a liquid detergent composition for textile products of the present invention and water. The matters described with respect to a liquid detergent composition for textile products of the present invention can be appropriately applied to this washing method. The content of component (A) in the detergent liquid is preferably 0.005% by mass or more and more preferably 0.01% by mass or more, and preferably 1% by mass or less and more preferably 0.8% by mass or less. In addition, the content of component (B) in the detergent liquid is preferably 0.001% by mass or more and more preferably 0.003% by mass or more, and preferably 0.8% by mass or less and more preferably 0.5% by mass or less.

[0059]

The water used for the method for washing textile products of the present invention is preferably having a hardness. From the viewpoint of further improving the effect of imparting a texture to textile products, the hardness of water is by German hardness, preferably 1°dH or more, more preferably 2°dH or more, further preferably 3.5°dH or more, furthermore preferably 5°dH or more and furthermore preferably 7°dH or more, and preferably 20°dH or less, more preferably 18°dH or less and further preferably 15°dH or less. The German hardness (°dH) used in the present specification refers to the concentration of calcium and magnesium in water expressed as the concentration calculated based on the form of CaCO_3 : 1 mg/L (ppm) = about 0.056°dH (1°dH = 17.8 ppm).

The concentrations of calcium and magnesium for this German hardness are determined by a chelate titration method using disodium ethylenediaminetetraacetate salt.

A specific method for measuring the German hardness of water in the present specification is shown as follows.

<Method for measuring German hardness of water>

[Reagent]

- 0.01 mol/l EDTA·2Na solution: a 0.01 mol/l aqueous solution of disodium ethylenediaminetetraacetate (a titration solution, 0.01 M EDTA-Na₂, manufactured by SIGMA-ALDRICH)

- Universal BT indicator (product name: Universal BT, manufactured by Dojindo Laboratories)

- Ammonia buffer solution for hardness measurement (a solution prepared by dissolving 67.5 g of ammonium chloride in 570 ml of 28 w/v% ammonia water and adding ion-exchanged water until the total volume is 1000 ml)

[Measurement of hardness]

(1) 20 ml of water serving as a sample is collected in a conical beaker with a whole pipette.

(2) 2 ml of an ammonia buffer solution for hardness measurement is added thereto.

(3) 0.5 ml of Universal BT indicator is added thereto. It is made sure that the solution after addition is reddish violet.

(4) While shaking the conical beaker well, a 0.01 mol/l EDTA·2Na solution is added dropwise thereto from a burette, and the point at which the sample water turns blue is taken as the end point of the titration. (5) The total hardness is determined by the following calculation formula:

$$\text{Hardness (}^{\circ}\text{dH)} = T \times 0.01 \times F \times 56.0774 \times 100/A$$

wherein:

T: Titer of a 0.01 mol/l EDTA·2Na solution (mL),

A: Sample volume (20 mL, a volume of sample water),

and

F: Factor of a 0.01 mol/l EDTA·2Na solution.

[0060]

The detergent liquid used in the present invention is preferably a detergent liquid obtained by mixing

component (A), component (B), and water having a German hardness of 1°dH or more and 20°dH or less.

[0061]

In the method for washing textile products of the present invention, the value of the bath ratio expressed as the ratio of the amount (liter) of a detergent liquid to the mass (kg) of textile products, that is, the amount (liter) of the detergent liquid/the mass (kg) of textile products (hereinafter sometimes also referred to as "bath ratio") is preferably 2 or more, more preferably 3 or more, further preferably 4 or more and furthermore preferably 5 or more, and preferably 100 or less.

[0062]

In the method for washing textile products of the present invention, the time to wash textile products is, from the viewpoint of further improving the effect of imparting a texture to textile products, preferably 1 minute or more, more preferably 2 minutes or more and further preferably 3 minutes or more, and preferably 12 hours or less, more preferably 8 hours or less, further preferably 6 hours or less, furthermore preferably 3 hours or less and furthermore preferably 1 hour or less.

[0063]

The method for washing clothing of the present invention is also suitable for a rotary washing method. The rotary washing method refers to a washing method in which textile products not fixed to a rotating device

rotate together with the detergent liquid around the rotation axis. The rotary washing method can be carried out by a rotary type washing machine. Specific examples of the rotary type washing machine include a drum type washing machine, a pulsator type washing machine or an agitator type washing machine. As these rotary type washing machines, machines commercially available for household can be used, respectively. In terms of being able to reduce the amount of water used for one washing, drum type washing machines have recently become rapidly widespread. The drum type washing machines can reduce the amount of water used particularly during washing.

[0064]

<Method for producing liquid detergent composition for textile products>

The present invention provides a method for producing a liquid detergent composition for textile products, including mixing the following component (A), the following component (B) and water, wherein the percentage of component (A) in all components to be mixed is 10% by mass or more and 60% by mass or less:

component (A): an internal olefin sulfonate having 14 or more and 16 or less carbon atoms, wherein the mass ratio of an internal olefin sulfonate having 14 or more and 16 or less carbon atoms with the sulfonate group at position 2 or higher and position 4 or lower (IO-1S) to an internal olefin sulfonate having 14 or more and 16 or

less carbon atoms with the sulfonate group at position 5 or higher (IO-2S), (IO-1S)/(IO-2S), is 0.50 or more and 4.2 or less,

component (B): an organic solvent having a hydroxy group.

Preferred embodiments of component (A) and component (B) in this production method are the same as those in the liquid detergent composition for textile products of the present invention. The matters described with respect to a liquid detergent composition for textile products of the present invention can be appropriately applied to this production method. The content in the composition described above can be replaced with the percentage in all components to be mixed.

[0065]

The present invention also provides a method for producing a liquid detergent composition for textile products, including mixing the following component (A1), the following component (B) and water, wherein the percentage of component (A1) in all components to be mixed is 10% by mass or more and 60% by mass or less:

component (A1): an internal olefin sulfonate obtained from an internal olefin having 14 or more and 16 or less carbon atoms, wherein the mass ratio of an olefin having 14 or more and 16 or less carbon atoms with a double bond at position 1 or higher and position 3 or lower (IO-1) to an olefin having 14 or more and 16 or

less carbon atoms with a double bond at position 5 or higher (IO-2), $(IO-1)/(IO-2)$ is 0.60 or more and 5.0 or less; and

component (B): an organic solvent having a hydroxy group.

Component (A1) in this production method may correspond to component (A). In that case, preferred embodiments of component (A) and component (B) are the same as those in the liquid detergent composition for textile products of the present invention. In addition, the matters described with respect to a liquid detergent composition for textile products of the present invention can be appropriately applied to this production method. The content in the composition described above can be replaced with the percentage in all components to be mixed.

[0066]

<Embodiments of the present invention>

Embodiments of the present invention will be illustrated as follows. The matters described with respect to a detergent composition for textile and a method for washing textile of the present invention can be appropriately applied to these embodiments.

[0067]

<1>

A liquid detergent composition for textile products containing the following component (A) in an amount of

10% by mass or more and 60% by mass or less, the following component (B), and water:

component (A): an internal olefin sulfonate having 14 or more and 16 or less carbon atoms, wherein a mass ratio of an internal olefin sulfonate having 14 or more and 16 or less carbon atoms with the sulfonate group at position 2 or higher and position 4 or lower (IO-1S) to an internal olefin sulfonate having 14 or more and 16 or less carbon atoms with the sulfonate group at position 5 or higher (IO-2S), $(IO-1S)/(IO-2S)$, is 0.50 or more and 4.2 or less; and

Component (B): an organic solvent having a hydroxy group.

[0068]

<2>

The liquid detergent composition for textile products according to <1>, wherein $(IO-1S)/(IO-2S)$, which is the mass ratio of the content of (IO-1S) to the content of (IO-2S) in component (A), is preferably 0.60 or more, more preferably 0.80 or more, further preferably 1.0 or more and furthermore preferably 1.2 or more, and preferably 4.0 or less, more preferably 3.6 or less and further preferably 3.2 or less.

[0069]

<3>

The liquid detergent composition for textile products according to <1> or <2>, wherein the percentage

of component (A) in all anionic surfactants contained in the liquid detergent composition for textile products is 50% by mass or more, further 60% by mass or more, further 70% by mass or more, further 80% by mass or more and 100% by mass or less.

[0070]

<4>

The liquid detergent composition for textile products according to any one of <1> to <3>, wherein the percentage of an internal olefin sulfonate having 15 or more and 16 or less carbon atoms contained in component (A) in all anionic surfactants contained in the liquid detergent composition for textile products is 60% by mass or more, further 70% by mass or more and further 80% by mass or more, and 100% by mass or less.

[0071]

<5>

The liquid detergent composition for textile products according to any one of <1> to <4>, wherein component (B) is one or more selected from the following components (B1) to (B4):

component (B1): a monohydric alcohol having 2 or more and 6 or less carbon atoms;

component (B2): an alcohol having 2 or more and 12 or less carbon atoms and 2 or more and 12 or less hydroxy groups;

component (B3): an organic solvent having a hydrocarbon group having 1 or more and 8 or less carbon atoms, an ether group and a hydroxy group (provided that an aromatic group is excluded from the hydrocarbon group); and

component (B4): an organic solvent having an optionally partially substituted aromatic group, an ether group and a hydroxy group.

[0072]

<6>

The liquid detergent composition for textile products according to any one of <1> to <5>, wherein ClogP of component (B) is -1 or more and 2 or less.

[0073]

<7>

The liquid detergent composition for textile products according to any one of <1> to <6>, wherein component (B) is an organic solvent having CLogP of preferably -0.8 or more, more preferably -0.5 or more, further preferably -0.1 or more, furthermore preferably 0 or more, furthermore preferably 0.2 or more, furthermore preferably 0.4 or more and furthermore preferably 0.6 or more, and preferably 1.8 or less, more preferably 1.7 or less, further preferably 1.6 or less and furthermore preferably 1.5 or less.

[0074]

<8>

The liquid detergent composition for textile products according to any one of <5> to <7>, wherein component (B) is an organic solvent selected from component (B3) and component (B4) and having the above-mentioned ClogP of 0 or more and 1.5 or less.

[0075]

<9>

The liquid detergent composition for textile products according to any one of <1> to <8>, wherein the content of component (A) is preferably 11% by mass or more and more preferably 12% by mass or more, and preferably 50% by mass or less and more preferably 40% by mass or less.

[0076]

<10>

The liquid detergent composition for textile products according to any one of <1> to <9>, wherein the percentage of component (A) in all anionic surfactants contained in the liquid detergent composition for textile products is 50% by mass or more, further 60% by mass or more, further 70% by mass or more and further 80% by mass or more, and 100% by mass or less.

[0077]

<11>

The liquid detergent composition for textile products according to any one of <1> to <10>, wherein the content of component (B) is preferably 4% by mass or more

and more preferably 5% by mass or more, and preferably 40% by mass or less, more preferably 35% by mass or less, further preferably 30% by mass or less and furthermore preferably 25% by mass or less.

[0078]

<12>

A method for producing a liquid detergent composition for textile products, including mixing the following component (A), the following component (B) and water, wherein the percentage of component (A) in all components to be mixed is 10% by mass or more and 60% by mass or less:

component (A): an internal olefin sulfonate having 14 or more and 16 or less carbon atoms, wherein the mass ratio of an internal olefin sulfonate having 14 or more and 16 or less carbon atoms with the sulfonate group at position 2 or higher and position 4 or lower (IO-1S) to an internal olefin sulfonate having 14 or more and 16 or less carbon atoms with the sulfonate group at position 5 or higher (IO-2S), $(IO-1S)/(IO-2S)$, is 0.50 or more and 4.2 or less; and

component (B): an organic solvent having a hydroxy group.

[0079]

<13>

A method for producing a liquid detergent composition for textile products, including mixing the

following component (A1), the following component (B) and water, wherein the percentage of component (A1) in all components to be mixed is 10% by mass or more and 60% by mass or less:

component (A1): an internal olefin sulfonate obtained from an internal olefin having 14 or more and 16 or less carbon atoms, wherein the mass ratio of an olefin having 14 or more and 16 or less carbon atoms with a double bond at position 1 or higher and position 3 or lower (IO-1) to an olefin having 14 or more and 16 or less carbon atoms with a double bond at position 5 or higher (IO-2), (IO-1)/(IO-2) is 0.60 or more and 5.0 or less; and

component (B): an organic solvent having a hydroxy group.

[0080]

<14>

A method for washing textile products, including washing the textile products with a detergent liquid containing the liquid detergent composition for textile products according to any one of <1> to <11>, and water.

[0081]

<15>

The method for washing textile products according to <14>, wherein the content of component (A) in the detergent liquid is preferably 0.005% by mass or more and

more preferably 0.01% by mass or more, and preferably 1% by mass or less and more preferably 0.8% by mass or less.

[0082]

<16>

The method for washing textile products according to <15> or <16>, wherein the content of component (B) in the detergent liquid is preferably 0.001% by mass or more and more preferably 0.005% by mass or more, and preferably 1% by mass or less and more preferably 0.8% by mass or less.

Examples

[0083]

[Preparation of component (A)]

(1) Synthesis of internal olefins A to C (Production Examples A to C)

Internal olefins A to C which are raw materials of component (A) were synthesized as follows.

7000 g (28.9 mol) of 1-hexadecanol (product name: KALCOL 6098, manufactured by Kao Corporation) and 700 g (10% by mass of an alcohol as a raw material) of γ -alumina (Strem Chemicals, Inc.) as a solid acid catalyst were introduced into a flask equipped with a stirring device, and allowed to react at 280°C with stirring for a different reaction time for each of Production Examples A to C while passing nitrogen (7000 mL/min) through the system. The resulting crude internal olefin was transferred to a distillation flask and subjected to

distillation at 136 to 160°C/4.0 mmHg to obtain each of internal olefins A to C having 16 carbon atoms at an olefin purity of 100%. The double bond distribution of each of the obtained internal olefins is shown in Table 1.

[0084]

[Table 1]

		Internal olefin		
		A	B	C
Number of carbon atoms of hydrocarbon group		16	16	16
Distribution of double bond in olefin as raw material (% by mass)	Position 1	1.8	0.5	0.4
	Position 2	40.7	30.1	15.3
	Position 3	29.3	25.5	13.8
	Position 4	15.7	18.9	15.2
	Position 5	7.3	11.0	18.4
	Position 6	3.0	7.0	15.1
	Position 7	1.1	3.5	10.9
	Position 8	1.1	3.5	10.9
	Position 9	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Total	100.0	100.0	100.0
	Total of positions 5 to 9	12.5	25.0	55.3

[0085]

The double bond distribution of each of the internal olefins was measured by gas chromatography (hereinafter abbreviated as GC). Specifically, the internal olefin was reacted with dimethyl disulfide to form its dithiolated derivative, and then each component was subjected to separation by GC. The double bond distribution of internal olefin was determined from each of the resulting peak areas. For the olefins having 16 carbon atoms, the internal olefin having a double bond at

position 7 and the internal olefin having a double bond at position 8 cannot be distinguished from each other in structure but distinguished when they are sulfonated. Therefore, the value obtained by dividing the amount of the internal olefin having a double bond at position 7 by 2 is conveniently shown in the each of the columns for positions 7 and 8.

The devices and the analysis conditions used for the measurement are as follows: a GC system: "HP6890" (manufactured by Hewlett-Packard Company); a column: "Ultra-Alloy-1 HT Capillary Column" (30 m × 250 μm × 0.15 μm, manufactured by Frontier Laboratories, Ltd.); a detector (hydrogen flame ionization detector (FID)); injection temperature: 300°C; detector temperature: 350°C; and He flow rate: 4.6 mL/min.

[0086]

(2) Synthesis of (a-1), (a-4) and (a-10)

Each of internal olefins A to C obtained from Production Examples A to C was subjected to sulfonation reaction by passing sulfur trioxide therethrough using a thin film-type sulfonation reactor equipped with an external jacket while passing cooling water at 20°C through the external jacket. The molar ratio of SO₃/the internal olefin during the sulfonation reaction was set at 1.09. The resulting sulfonated product was added to an alkaline aqueous solution which had been prepared using sodium hydroxide in an amount of 1.5 molar times

the theoretical acid value, and the mixture was neutralized at 30°C for 1 hour while being stirred. The neutralized product was hydrolyzed by being heated in an autoclave at 160°C for 1 hour to obtain a crude product of a sodium internal olefin sulfonate having 16 carbon atoms. 300 g of the crude product was transferred to a separating funnel, 300 mL of ethanol was added thereto and petroleum ether in an amount of 300 mL per time was then added thereto to extract and remove oil-soluble impurities. At this time, inorganic compounds (mainly including sodium sulfate decahydrate) which precipitated at the oil/water interface by the addition of ethanol was also separated and removed from the aqueous phase by oil-water separation operation. This extraction and removal operation was carried out three times. The aqueous phase was evaporated to dryness to obtain (a-1), (a-4) and (a-10) respectively, which are sodium internal olefin sulfonates having 16 carbon atoms. The internal olefin sulfonate obtained by using internal olefin A as a raw material is referred to as a component (a-1), the internal olefin sulfonate obtained by using internal olefin B as a raw material is referred to as a component (a-4), and the internal olefin sulfonate obtained by using internal olefin C as a raw material is referred to as a component (a-10).

[0087]

The percentage of the content of the internal olefin sulfonate having a sulfonic acid group attached thereto of each component was measured by high performance liquid chromatography/mass spectrometer (HPLC-MS). Specifically, identification was carried out by separating the hydroxy form having a sulfonic acid group attached thereto by high performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) and subjecting it to mass spectrometer (MS). Each percentage was determined from the resulting HPLC-MS peak area. In the present specification, each percentage determined from the peak area was calculated as percentage by mass.

The devices and the analysis conditions used for the measurement are as follows: an HPLC device: "LC-20ASXR" (manufactured by Shimadzu Corporation); a column: "ODS Hypersil (R)" (4.6 × 250 mm, particle size: 3 μm, manufactured by Thermo Fisher Scientific K.K.); sample preparation (1000 times diluted with methanol); eluent A (10 mM ammonium acetate-added water); eluent B (a 10 mM ammonium acetate-added methacrylonitrile/water = 95/5 (v/v) solution); gradient (0 minute (A/B = 60/40) → 15.1 to 20 minutes (30/70) → 20.1 to 30 minutes (60/40); an MS device "LCMS-2020" (manufactured by Shimadzu Corporation); ESI detection (negative ion detection, m/z: 321.10 (component (A) having 16 carbon atoms); column temperature (40°C); flow rate (0.5 mL/min); and injection volume (5 μL).

[0088]

(3) Preparation of component (A) other than described above

(a-1) and (a-4) were mixed to prepare (a-2) and (a-3). In addition, (a-4) and (a-10) were mixed to prepare (a-5) and (a-9).

The bond distribution of sulfonic acid groups of internal olefin sulfonates of components (a-1) to (a-10) obtained is shown in Table 2.

In addition, the double bond distribution of the internal olefins which are a raw material for components (a-1) to (a-10) obtained is shown in Table 3.

[0089]

[Table 2]

		Component (A) or Component (A')									
		(a-1)	(a-2)	(a-3)	(a-4)	(a-5)	(a-6)	(a-7)	(a-8)	(a-9)	(a-10)
Number of carbon atoms of olefin as raw material		16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16
Distribution of sulfonate group (% by mass)	Position 1	0.7	0.9	1.2	1.5	1.4	1.2	1.1	0.9	0.8	0.6
	(IO-1S) Position 2	32.1	30.2	27.2	24.1	22.3	20.4	18.6	16.8	14.9	13.1
	(IO-1S) Position 3	24.2	23.1	21.6	19.9	18.4	17.1	15.6	14.3	12.9	11.5
	(IO-1S) Position 4	25.8	25.5	25.0	24.6	23.5	22.4	21.3	20.2	19.1	18.0
	(IO-2S) Positions 5 to 9	17.2	20.3	25.0	29.9	34.4	38.9	43.4	47.8	52.3	56.8
	Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
	(IO-1S) (% by mass)	82.1	78.8	73.8	68.6	64.2	59.9	55.5	51.3	46.9	25.2
(IO-1S)/(IO-2S) (mass ratio)		4.8	3.9	3.0	2.3	1.9	1.5	1.3	1.1	0.90	0.44

[0090]

[Table 3]

			Component (A) or Component (A')									
			(a-1)	(a-2)	(a-3)	(a-4)	(a-5)	(a-6)	(a-7)	(a-8)	(a-9)	(a-10)
Number of carbon atoms of olefin as raw material			16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16
Distribution of double bond in olefin as raw material (% by mass)	(IO-1)	Position 1	1.8	1.4	1.0	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
		Position 2	40.7	38.1	34.2	30.1	27.6	25.2	22.7	20.2	17.8	15.3
		Position 3	29.3	28.3	27.0	25.5	23.6	21.7	19.6	17.7	15.6	13.8
		Position 4	15.7	16.5	17.6	18.9	18.3	17.7	17.1	16.5	15.8	15.2
	(IO-2)	Position 5	7.3	8.3	9.6	11.0	12.3	13.5	14.8	16.0	17.2	18.4
		Position 6	3.0	4.0	5.4	7.0	8.3	9.7	11.0	12.4	13.8	15.1
		Position 7	1.1	1.7	2.6	3.5	4.7	5.9	7.2	8.4	9.7	10.9
		Position 8	1.1	1.7	2.6	3.5	4.7	5.9	7.2	8.4	9.7	10.9
		Position 9	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Total		100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
	Total of positions 5 to 9 [(IO-2)]		12.5	15.7	20.1	25.0	29.9	35	40.2	45.3	50.5	55.3
(IO-1)/(IO-2) (mass ratio) of olefin as raw material			5.7	4.3	3.1	2.2	1.7	1.4	1.1	0.85	0.67	0.53

[0091]

<Components to be blended>

[Component (A)]

(a-2) to (a-9) in Table 3 were used.

[Component (A')] (comparative component of component (A))

(a-1) or (a-10) in Table 3 was used.

[Component (B)]

Component (b-1): phenoxyethanol (ClogP = 1.2)

Component (b-2): diethylene glycol monobutyl ether
(ClogP = 0.67)

Component (b-3): propylene glycol (ClogP = -1.1)

[Component (C)]

(C-1): a polyoxyalkylene lauryl ether (a compound obtained by adding an average of 9 moles of an ethyleneoxy group per mole of lauryl alcohol, then adding

an average of 2 moles of a propyleneoxy group per mole of lauryl alcohol and then adding an average of 9 moles of an ethyleneoxy group per mole of lauryl alcohol; HLB = 14.5)

[Water]

Ion-exchanged water

[0092]

<Preparation of liquid detergent composition for textile products>

Liquid detergent compositions for textile products shown in Table 4 were prepared using the above-mentioned components to be blended, and were evaluated for the following items. The results are shown in Table 4.

Specifically, the liquid detergent composition for textile products shown in Table 3 was as follows. A Teflon (R) stirrer piece having a length of 5 cm was placed in a 200 mL glass beaker and its mass was measured. Next, 80 g of ion-exchanged water at 20°C, component (A) or component (A'), component (B), and component (C) were introduced therewith, and the beaker was sealed at its top side with Saran wrap (R).

The beaker containing the contents was placed in a water bath at 60°C placed on a magnetic stirrer, and stirred at 100 r/min for 30 minutes at a water temperature range in the water bath of $60 \pm 2^\circ\text{C}$. Next, the water in the water bath was replaced with tap water at 5°C and cooled until the temperature of the

composition in the beaker was 20°C. Next, Saran Wrap (R) was removed, ion-exchanged water was added so that the weight of the contents was 100 g and stirred again at 100 r/min for 30 seconds to obtain each of the liquid detergent composition for textile products shown in Table 4.

[0093]

<Evaluation of appearance>

30 g of the liquid detergent composition for textile products listed in Table 4 was placed in a No. 6 glass standard bottle, and the bottle was sealed with a cap. By placing this in a thermostatic bath at -5°C and allowed to stand for 4 days, the standard bottle containing the liquid detergent composition for textile products was placed in an environment at -5°C. After 4 days passed, the appearance of the liquid detergent composition for textile products in the standard bottle at -5°C was visually observed and evaluated according to the following criteria. The results are shown in Table 4.

A: It has the same appearance as that of the liquid detergent composition for textile products before placed in an environment of -5°C.

B: It has a slightly more turbid appearance than the liquid detergent composition for textile products before placed in an environment of -5°C, but the turbidity is within the allowable range. "Slightly turbid" means that the characters of the newspaper placed behind the

standard bottle, when seen through the standard bottle from the front of the standard bottle, can be discriminated.

C: This means that solid matter precipitates in the liquid detergent composition for textile products before placed in an environment of -5°C , it has a turbid appearance and the characters of the newspaper placed behind the standard bottle, when seen through the standard bottle from the front of the standard bottle, cannot be discriminated; or the liquid detergent composition for textile products in the standard bottle is not uniform and separates into two or more layers.

[0094]

<Evaluation of detergent property>

[Preparation of model artificially sebum-stained cloth]

A model artificially sebum-stained cloth was prepared by applying a model artificially sebum-staining liquid of the following composition to a cloth (Cotton 2003 (manufactured by Tanigashira Shoten)). The application of the model artificially sebum-staining liquid to the cloth was carried out by printing the artificially staining liquid on the cloth using a gravure roll coater. The process for preparing the model artificially sebum-stained liquid by applying the model artificially sebum-staining liquid to the cloth was carried out with a cell capacity of the gravure roll of $58\text{ cm}^3/\text{m}^2$, a coating speed of 1.0 m/min , a drying

temperature of 100°C and a drying time of 1 minute. The cloth used was Cotton 2003 (manufactured by Tanigashira Shoten).

* The composition of the model artificially sebum-staining liquid: lauric acid: 0.4% by mass, myristic acid: 3.1% by mass, pentadecanoic acid: 2.3% by mass, palmitic acid: 6.2% by mass, heptadecanoic acid: 0.4% by mass, stearic acid: 1.6 % by mass, oleic acid: 7.8% by mass, triolein: 13.0% by mass, n-hexadecyl palmitate: 2.2% by mass, squalene: 6.5% by mass, egg white lecithin liquid crystal product: 1.9% by mass, Kanuma red clay: 8.1% by mass, carbon black: 0.01% by mass and water: balance (total 100% by mass).

[0095]

[Washing test]

The washing procedure was carried out by using Terg-O-Tometer (manufactured by Ueshima Seisakusho Co., Ltd.). The water to be used for washing was obtained by adding calcium chloride and magnesium chloride at the mass ratio of 8:2 to ion-exchanged water to adjust the hardness of water to 4°dH. A detergent liquid was obtained by mixing each of the detergent composition for textile products listed in Table 4 with the water for washing so that the total amount of component (A), component (B) and optionally component (C) in a detergent composition for textile products is 167 mg/kg in the detergent liquid. 0.6 L of the detergent liquid and five cut pieces of the

above-mentioned model artificially sebum-stained cloth were introduced into a 1 liter-stainless steel beaker. The bath ratio was 15, and the temperature of the detergent liquid was 20°C. Cut pieces of the model artificially sebum-stained cloth to be evaluated were washed at 85 rpm with Terg-O-Tometer for 10 minutes. After washing, they were spin-dried and dried with an iron press machine.

[0096]

[Method for evaluating washing percentage]

The washing percentage was measured by the following method, and the average value of washing percentages of the five cut pieces was determined. Based on each washing percentage (average value) for the washing time of 10 minutes, the relative value of washability was obtained by the following equation. The results are shown in Table 4.

The reflectance at 550 nm of each of the original cloth before staining and the clothes before and after washing was measured with a differential colorimeter (Z-300A, manufactured by Nippon Denshoku Industries Co., Ltd.), and the washing percentage (%) was determined by the following equation. The values in the Table 4 are average values of the washing percentages for 5 cut pieces.

Washing percentage (%) = $100 \times [(\text{reflectance after washing} - \text{reflectance before washing}) / (\text{reflectance of original cloth} - \text{reflectance before washing})]$

[0097]

[Table 4]

				Example										Comparative Example	
				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	1	2
Detergent composition for textile products	Content (% by mass)	(A)	(a-2)	27											
			(a-3)		27										
			(a-4)			27									
			(a-5)				27								
			(a-6)					27				23			
			(a-7)						27				23		
			(a-8)							27					
			(a-9)								27				
		(A')	(a-1)											27	
			(a-10)												27
		(B)	(b-1)	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9			9	9
			(b-2)									10	10		
			(b-3)									8	8		
		(C)	(c-1)	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	23	23	15	15
		Ion-exchanged water		Balance	Balance	Balance	Balance	Balance	Balance	Balance	Balance	Balance	Balance	Balance	Balance
		Total		100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
		(IO-1)/(IO-2)(mass ratio) ⁽¹⁾		4.3	3.1	2.2	1.7	1.4	1.1	0.85	0.67	1.4	1.1	5.7	0.53
		(IO-1S)/(IO-2S)(mass ratio) ⁽²⁾		3.9	3.0	2.3	1.9	1.5	1.3	1.1	0.9	1.5	1.3	4.8	0.44
Evaluation results	Appearance			B	A	A	A	A	A	A	B	A	A	C ⁽³⁾	C ⁽⁴⁾
	Washing percentage (%)			30	30	30	30	29	28	28	28	29	28	31	23

[0098]

(1) Mass ratio of (IO-1)/ (IO-2) in an olefin as a raw material

(2) Mass ratio of (IO-1S)/ (IO-2S) in an internal olefin sulfonate

(3) In Comparative Example 1, solid matter generated.

(4) In Comparative Example 2, separation occurred.

CLAIMS

1. A liquid detergent composition for textile products comprising the following component (A) in an amount of 10% by mass or more and 60% by mass or less, the following component (B), and water:

component (A): an internal olefin sulfonate having 14 or more and 16 or less carbon atoms, wherein a mass ratio of an internal olefin sulfonate having 14 or more and 16 or less carbon atoms with the sulfonate group at position 2 or higher and position 4 or lower (IO-1S) to an internal olefin sulfonate having 14 or more and 16 or less carbon atoms with the sulfonate group at position 5 or higher (IO-2S), $(IO-1S)/(IO-2S)$, is 0.50 or more and 4.2 or less; and

Component (B): an organic solvent having a hydroxy group.

2. The liquid detergent composition for textile products according to claim 1, wherein a percentage of an internal olefin sulfonate having 15 or more and 16 or less carbon atoms contained in the component (A) in all anionic surfactants contained in the liquid detergent composition for textile products is 60% by mass or more and 100% by mass or less.

3. The liquid detergent composition for textile products according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the component (B) is one or more selected from the following components (B1) to (B4):

component (B1): a monohydric alcohol having 2 or more and 6 or less carbon atoms;

component (B2): an alcohol having 2 or more and 12 or less carbon atoms and 2 or more and 12 or less hydroxy groups;

component (B3): an organic solvent having a hydrocarbon group with 1 or more and 8 or less carbon atoms, an ether group and a hydroxy group (provided that an aromatic group is excluded from the hydrocarbon group); and

component (B4): an organic solvent having an optionally partially substituted aromatic group, an ether group and a hydroxy group.

4. The liquid detergent composition for textile products according to any one of claims 1 to 3, wherein ClogP of the component (B) is -1 or more and 2 or less.

5. A method for producing a liquid detergent composition for textile products, comprising mixing the following component (A), the following component (B), and water, wherein a percentage of the component (A) in all

components to be mixed is 10% by mass or more and 60% by mass or less:

component (A): an internal olefin sulfonate having 14 or more and 16 or less carbon atoms, wherein a mass ratio of an internal olefin sulfonate having 14 or more and 16 or less carbon atoms with the sulfonate group at position 2 or higher and position 4 or lower (IO-1S) to an internal olefin sulfonate having 14 or more and 16 or less carbon atoms with the sulfonate group at position 5 or higher (IO-2S), $(IO-1S)/(IO-2S)$, is 0.50 or more and 4.2 or less,

Component (B): an organic solvent having a hydroxy group.