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(54) Title: ARSENIC PROMOTED VANADIUM-ANTIMONY-OXIDE BASED CATALYST FOR SELECTIVE PARAFFIN AMMOXIDATION		
(57) Abstract A process of manufacturing acrylonitrile or methacrylonitrile by the catalytic reaction in the vapor phase of a paraffin selected from propane and isobutane with molecular oxygen and ammonia by catalytic contact of the reactants in a reaction zone with a catalyst, the feed composition having a mole ratio of the paraffin to ammonia in the range of from about 2.5 to 16 and a mole ratio of paraffin to oxygen in the range of from about 1.0 to 10, wherein said catalyst has the elements in the proportions indicated by the empirical formula: $VSb_m A_n D_b Q_r R_x O_x$ where A is one or more of Ti, Sn, Fe, Cr and Ga; D is one or more of Li, Mg, Ca, Sr, Ba, Co, Ni, Zn, Ge, Zr, Cu, Ta, Bi, Ce, In, B and Mn; Q is one or more of Mo, W, and Nb; R is one or more of As, Te, and Se; m equals 0.8 to 4; a equals 0.01 to 2; d is 0 to 2; $0 \leq q < 0.01$; preferably $0 < q <$, especially $0 < q < 0.005$; $q + r$ are greater than 0; x is determined by the oxidation state of the cations present. Preferably, the catalyst has been heat treated at a temperature of at least 780 °C and R is selected to be As and Q is selected to be Mo.		

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