

**AQUEOUS HEXASUBSTITUTED  
GUANIDINIUM CHLORIDES AND  
METHODS FOR THEIR  
PREPARATION AND USE**

**Abstract**

Hexasubstituted guanidinium chlorides are prepared by a method which affords them in high yield as aqueous solutions, optionally also containing alkali metal chlorides. The solutions may  
5 be employed as sources of hexasubstituted guanidinium salts useful as phase transfer catalysts and the reaction of alkali metal salts of dihydroxyaromatic compounds with substituted imides to form polyetherimides or their intermediates.

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