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(54) Title: SURFACTANTS (57) Abstract Compounds of the formula $R^2 \cdot [(AO)_n \cdot R^3]_m$, where R^2 is a residue of a group having at least m active hydrogen atoms derived from hydroxyl and/or amino and/or amido groups, AO is alkyleneoxy, n is 2 to 200; R^3 includes residue(s) of alkenyl succinic acids and optionally other acids, and m is 2 to 10, but when m is 2 there are other restrictions in the definitions, are useful thickeners and/or dispersants in aqueous systems. The use of such materials (without some of the limitations where m is 20) as thickeners is also claimed.		