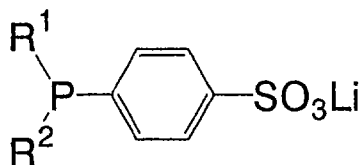




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ABSTRACT

Lithium p-diarylphosphinobenzenesulfonates represented by the general formula (I)



wherein R^1 and R^2 are each optionally substituted aryl; a process for preparing the same; a group VIII metal complex comprising a group VIII metal compound and the above lithium p-diarylphosphinobenzenesulfonate coordinating thereto and a process for hydroformylation with the complex. Hydroformylation with the complex permits easy and industrially advantageous production of aldehydes.



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