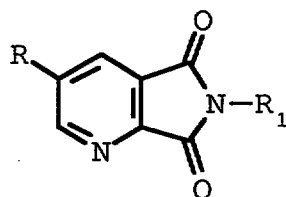


ABSTRACT**PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF
2,3-PYRIDINEDICARBOXIMIDES**

There is provided a process for the preparation of 2,3-pyridinedicarboximides having the structural formula I



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The 2,3-pyridinedicarboximides are useful as intermediates in the preparation of herbicidal 2-(2-imidazolin-2-yl)nicotinic acids,

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