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ABSTRACT

PROCESS FOR THE PURIFICATION OF CARBOXYLIC ACIDS
AND/OR THEIR ANHYDRIDES

A process for purifying an iodide-contaminated carboxylic acid and/or anhydride fraction obtained by liquid phase carbonylation using a carbonylation catalyst, an iodine-containing promoter and optional iodine-containing copromoter comprises vapourising the fraction after it has been freed of catalyst, feedstock and promoter components to produce a vapour acid and/or anhydride fraction having reduced iodide contamination.