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A process for the preparation of irones by a chemical oxidation of irone precursors, comprising treating an iris rhizome substrate selected from the group consisting of iris rhizomes, parts of such rhizomes, iris extracts, iris extraction wastes, any plant tissues containing precursors of irones and mixtures thereof, is described.			