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(54) Title: BLEACHING COMPOSITIONS (57) Abstract The present invention relates to liquid compositions comprising a peroxygen bleach, a liquid hydrophobic bleach activator and a polyhydroxy fatty acid amide surfactant according to the formula $R^2-C(O)-N(R^1)-Z$, wherein R^1 is H, or C ₁ -C ₄ alkyl, C ₁ -C ₄ hydrocarbyl, 2-hydroxy ethyl, 2-hydroxy propyl or a mixture thereof, R^2 is C ₅ -C ₃₁ hydrocarbyl, and Z is a polyhydroxyhydrocarbyl having a linear hydrocarbyl chain with at least 3 hydroxyls directly connected to the chain, or an alkoxylated derivative thereof, said compositions being formulated either as an emulsion or a microemulsion. The present invention further encompasses a process for pretreating soiled fabrics with a liquid composition comprising such a polyhydroxy fatty acid amide surfactant, whereby improved stain removal performance is delivered.		