

ESTERIFICATION OF (METH)ACRYLIC ACID

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ABSTRACT

10 In a process for preparing an alkyl (meth)acrylate by continuous reaction of a (meth)acrylic acid-containing aqueous solution obtained directly from the gas-phase oxidation with a linear or branched alkanol having from 1 to 6 carbon atoms or a mixture of two or more thereof in the presence of an esterification catalyst, the alkanol is introduced in gaseous form into the (meth)acrylic acid-containing aqueous solution.