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(54) **Title:** PROCESS FOR PRODUCING A SEMI-AROMATIC SEMI-CRYSTALLINE POLYAMIDE

(57) **Abstract:** The invention relates to a process for the preparation of semi-crystalline semi-aromatic polyamide by direct solid-state polymerization of a diamine-dicarboxylic acid salt, comprising steps of (a) providing at least two salts of terephthalic acid and diamine, wherein each of these diamine / terephthalic acid salts is in solid state and has a melting temperature of at least Tx, wherein Tx is at least 260°C; (b) preparing a mixture of the diamine / terephthalic acid salts, while retaining the salts in solid state; and (c) heating the mixture obtained from step (b) in the solid state to a temperature (T-c) in the range from 200°C to 260°C, under a pressure below the saturation vapour pressure of water at said temperature, thereby condensing and polymerizing the salts and forming a semi-crystalline semi-aromatic polyamide in solid form.

