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(54) Title: PROCESS FOR LOW BYPRODUCT FORMATION OF METHYL METHACRYLATE FROM AN OXIDATIVE ESTERIFICATION REACTOR

(57) Abstract: A process for producing methyl methacrylate by oxidative esterification is disclosed. The process comprises reacting methanol and methacrolein in a reactor system comprising an oxygen-containing gas and a heterogeneous noble metal-containing catalyst to produce methyl methacrylate. No Arrhenius base is added to the reactor system.

