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(54) Title: LIQUID CRYSTAL COMPOUND (57) Abstract A compound of formula (I), in which R¹ represents a chiral or non-chiral, branched or straight chain C₁₋₂₀ alkyl or C₁₋₂₀ alkenyl, which may be optionally substituted by one or more halogen atoms and in which one or more non-adjacent -CH₂- groups may be optionally replaced by -CH=CH-, -O-, -CO-, -COO-, -OOC-, -O-OC-O- or -S-; R² represents a chiral or non-chiral, branched or straight chain C₁₋₂₀ alkoxy, C₁₋₂₀ alkenyloxy, C₁₋₂₀ alkylcarbonyloxy (alkyl-COO-) or C₁₋₂₀ alkenyl carbonyloxy (alkenyl-COO-), which may be optionally substituted by one or more halogen atoms and in which one or more non-adjacent -CH₂- groups may be optionally replaced by -CH=CH-, -O-, -CO-, -COO-, -OOC-, -O-OC-O- or -S-; MG¹ represents a group of formula (Ia): -(A-Z²)_n-(B-Z³)_m, in which A and B are each independently a 1,4-phenylene or 1,4-cyclohexylene group, which may each be optionally substituted by halogen, cyano or nitro or a group of formula R¹ and in which one or two non-adjacent -CH- or -CH₂- groups may be optionally replaced by nitrogen or oxygen respectively; Z¹, Z², Z³ independently represent a single bond, -COO- or -OOC-, -CH₂CH₂-, -CH=CH-, -C≡C-, -OCH₂- or -CH₂O-; m and n are each independently 0 or 1; and MG² represents a 1,4 phenylene group which may be optionally substituted by halogen, cyano or nitro or a group of formula R¹ and in which one or two non-adjacent -CH- groups is replaced by nitrogen is provided. The compound is useful in the preparation of ferroelectric liquid crystal devices.		