

ABSTRACT

PROCESS FOR THE PRODUCTION OF ACETIC ACID

A process for the production of acetic acid by carbonylation of methanol or a reactive derivative thereof by contacting the methanol or derivative with carbon monoxide in a liquid reaction composition comprising (a) acetic acid, (b) an iridium catalyst, (c) methyl iodide, (d) at least a finite quantity of water and (e) methyl acetate is improved by the use as promoter of at least one of ruthenium and osmium.

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