

ABSTRACT**METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING 2-hydroxy-4-(methylthio)butyric acid**

5 The invention concerns a method for manufacturing 2-hydroxy-4-(methylthio)butyric acid (HMTBA) from 2-hydroxy-4-methylthio-butyronitrile (HMTBN), comprising the following steps:

HMTBN is hydrolyzed into HMTBA in the presence of a mineral acid in an aqueous medium,

Said medium is neutralized by addition of a base,

10 A first phase comprising at least HMTBA and salts and a second phase containing salts are separated,

Said method comprising the separation of the HMTBA from said salts of the first phase, by subjecting the latter to a chromatography.

15 [No Suitable Figure]