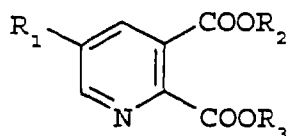


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A PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF PYRIDINE DICARBOXYLATE
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ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

There is provided a single vessel process for the preparation of a pyridine dicarboxylate compound of formula I



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via the sequential condensation of an alkyl vinyl ether with Vilsmeier reagent, oxalacetate and an ammonia source.



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