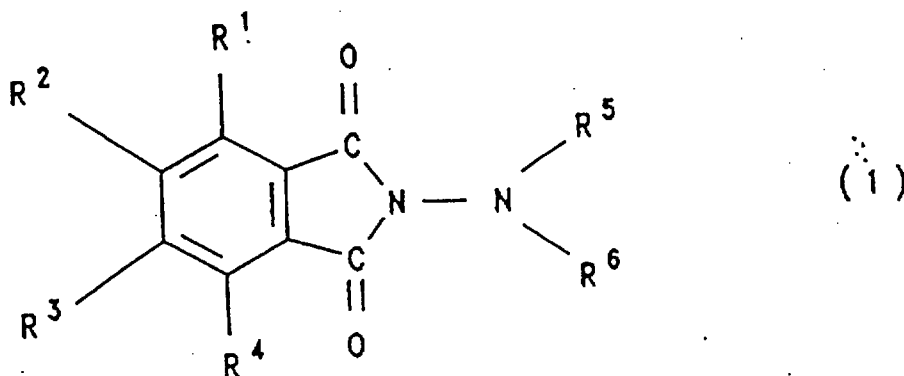


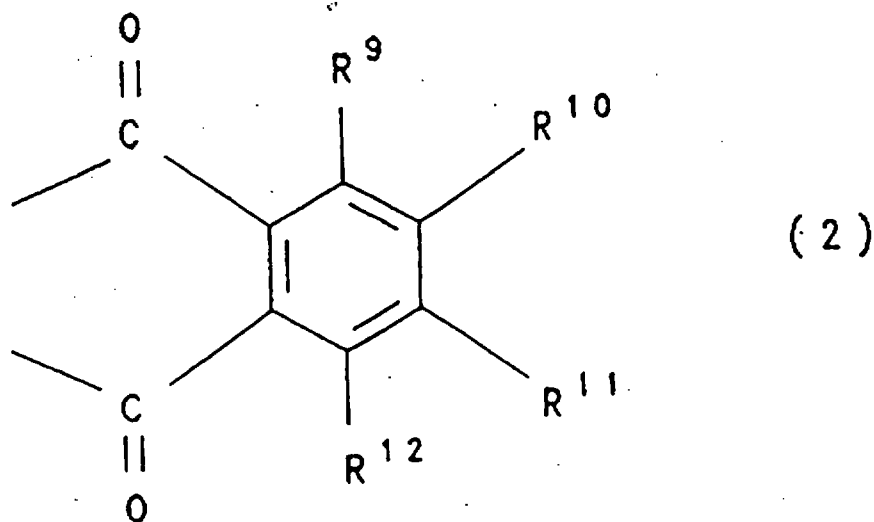
PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF SALTS OF SUBSTITUTED OR
UNSUBSTITUTED PHTHALIC ACIDS.

Abstract

The present invention relates to a process for the preparation of salts of substituted or unsubstituted phthalic acids, by reacting a compound of the formula



in which R^1 , R^2 , R^3 and R^4 are identical or different and are H, F, Cl, Br, CF_3 , OH, an alkoxy or alkyl radical in each case having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, or a radical $-NR^7R^8$, in which R^7 and R^8 are identical or different and are H, an alkyl radical having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, or a phenyl radical, R^5 and R^6 are identical or different and are H, a $-CO-$ alkyl group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms in the alkyl radical, or a benzoyl group, or R^5 and R^6 together form a radical of the formula



in which R^9 , R^{10} , R^{11} and R^{12} are identical or different and are H, F, Cl, Br, CF_3 , OH, an alkoxy or alkyl radical in each case having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, or a radical $-NR^7R^8$, in which R^7 and R^8 are identical or different and are H, an alkyl radical having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, or a phenyl radical, with water, a water-soluble base and an oxidizing agent at a temperature of -10 to $150^\circ C$ in the presence or absence of a water-insoluble solvent inert under the reaction conditions.

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