

ABSTRACT

OVERBASED ALKALI METAL ALKYLHYDROXYBENZOATES HAVING LOW CRUDE SEDIMENT

A process for preparing an overbased alkali metal alkylhydroxybenzoate, said
5 process comprising overbasing an alkali metal alkylhydroxybenzoate or a
mixture of alkali metal alkylhydroxybenzoate and up to 50 mole % of
alkylphenol, based on the total mixture of alkylhydroxybenzoate and
alkylphenol, with a molar excess of alkaline earth metal base and at least one
acidic overbasing material in the presence of at least one carboxylic acid
10 having from one to four carbon atoms and a solvent selected from the group
consisting of aromatic hydrocarbons, aliphatic hydrocarbons, monoalcohols
and mixtures thereof.