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(54) **Title:** PROCESS FOR PREPARING AN OVERBASED SALT OF A SULFURIZED ALKYL-SUBSTITUTED HYDROXYAROMATIC COMPOSITION

(57) **Abstract:** Disclosed herein is an overbased salt of a sulfurized alkyl-substituted hydroxyaromatic composition, which is prepared by the process comprising (a) providing an overbased salt of a sulfurized alkyl-substituted hydroxyaromatic composition having a total base number (TBN) greater than about 250; and (b) sparging the overbased salt of a sulfurized alkyl-substituted hydroxyaromatic composition with air at a temperature ranging from about 190°C to about 250°C.

