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(54) **Title:** AROMATIZATION CATALYST PREPARATION WITH ALKALI METAL PRESENT DURING A WASHING STEP

(57) **Abstract:** Methods for producing supported catalysts containing a transition metal and a bound zeolite base are disclosed. These methods employ a step of washing the bound zeolite base in the presence of an alkali metal, prior to impregnating the bound zeolitic support with the transition metal. Alkali metals such as potassium and cesium may be used.

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