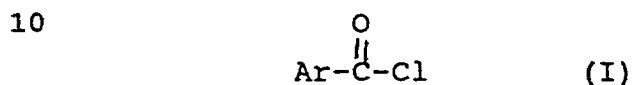


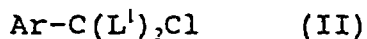
ABSTRACT

5 PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF ACID CHLORIDE COMPOUNDS

A process for preparing a compound of general formula



where Ar represents an optionally substituted aromatic or heteroaromatic group, the process comprising reacting a
15 compound of general formula



where each L^1 independently represents a leaving group
20 (preferably a chlorine atom), with water in the presence of a Lewis acid and a chlorocarbon solvent which includes at least two chlorine atoms, is disclosed.

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