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(57) Abstract		
This invention relates to a process for purifying a heteropolyacid which comprises: subjecting an aqueous solution comprising (i) the heteropolyacid and (ii) salt impurities to at least one liquid/liquid extraction step with an organic solvent, characterised in that the organic solvent comprises a dihydrocarbyl ether having at least 5 carbon atoms.		