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ABSTRACT



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A 2,6-dimethylphenol composition having an m-cresol content of from 15 to 700 ppm on a weight basis has effects of drastically improving polymerization activity and particularly, improving the color tone of polyphenylene ethers. Therefore, the composition makes it possible to provide a preparation process having improved productivity, and at the same time, provide polyphenylene ethers having good quality.