Abstract

The present invention relates to a process for reacting olefins having 4 to 20 carbon atoms, in which the feed stream used, containing at least linear olefins and branched olefins, is first separated into two streams A and B. Stream A is distilled before the reaction and only the high-boiler phase obtained in this distillation is subjected to the reaction, a heterogeneously catalysed hydroformylation, a homogeneously catalysed hydroformylation or a homogeneously catalysed alkoxycarbonylation.

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