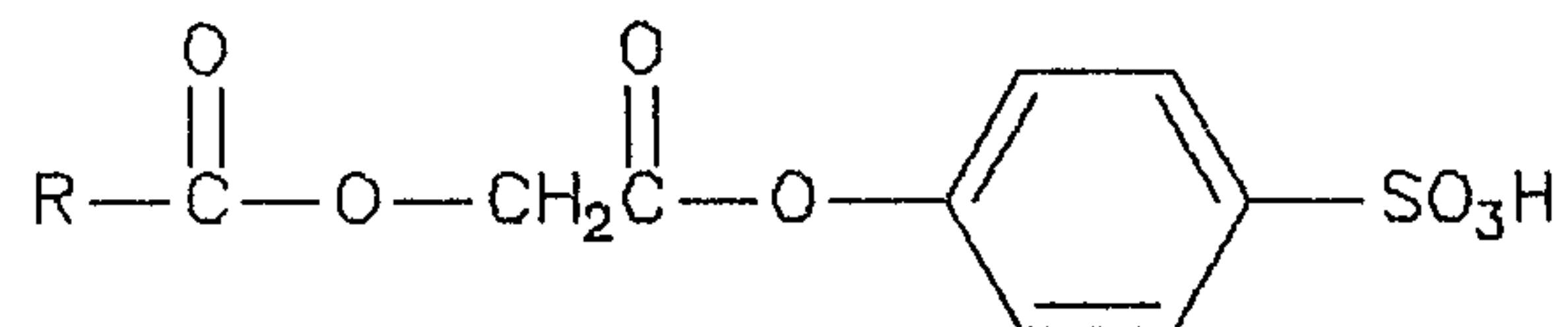




~~30~~ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The invention encompasses methods for preparing in high purity and in high yield p-phenyl sulfonic acid acyl glycolates of the formula

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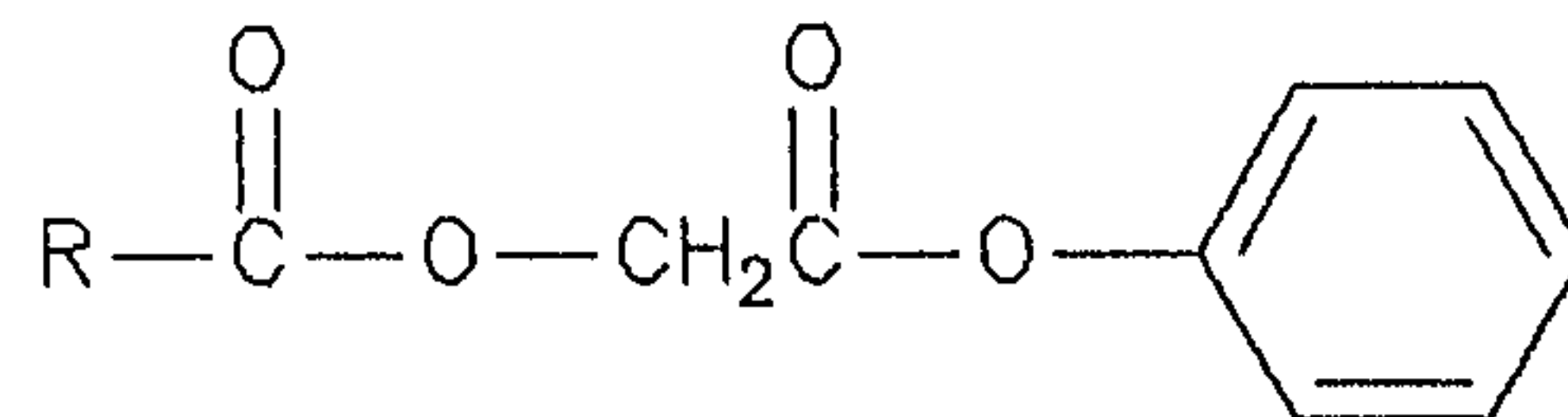


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where R represents branched or straight chain alkyl having 6-12 carbon atoms

by treating a phenyl ester or phenyl acyl glycolate of the formula

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with a sulfonating agent to form intermediate sulfonation; transmuting the intermediate sulfonation products; and quenching the transmuted intermediate sulfonation products with a quenching reagent reactive with sulfur trioxide.

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