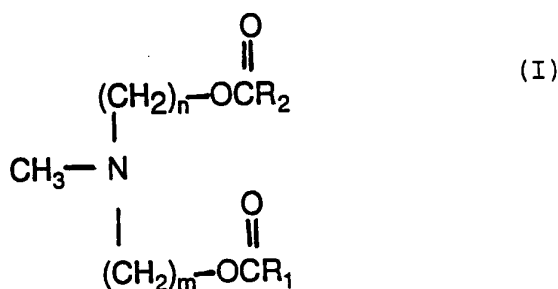




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An environmentally compatible and biodegradable fabric conditioning composition is provided capable of providing improved softening with significant reduction and solubilization of unwanted mineral encrustations on fabrics to be softened. The composition comprises a fabric conditioning mixture of: (a) a methyl diester amine having general formula (I), wherein R₁ and R₂ are each independently hydrogenated tallow or soft tallow; and n and m are integers from 1 to 4; and (b) unreacted organic acid or mineral acid.

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