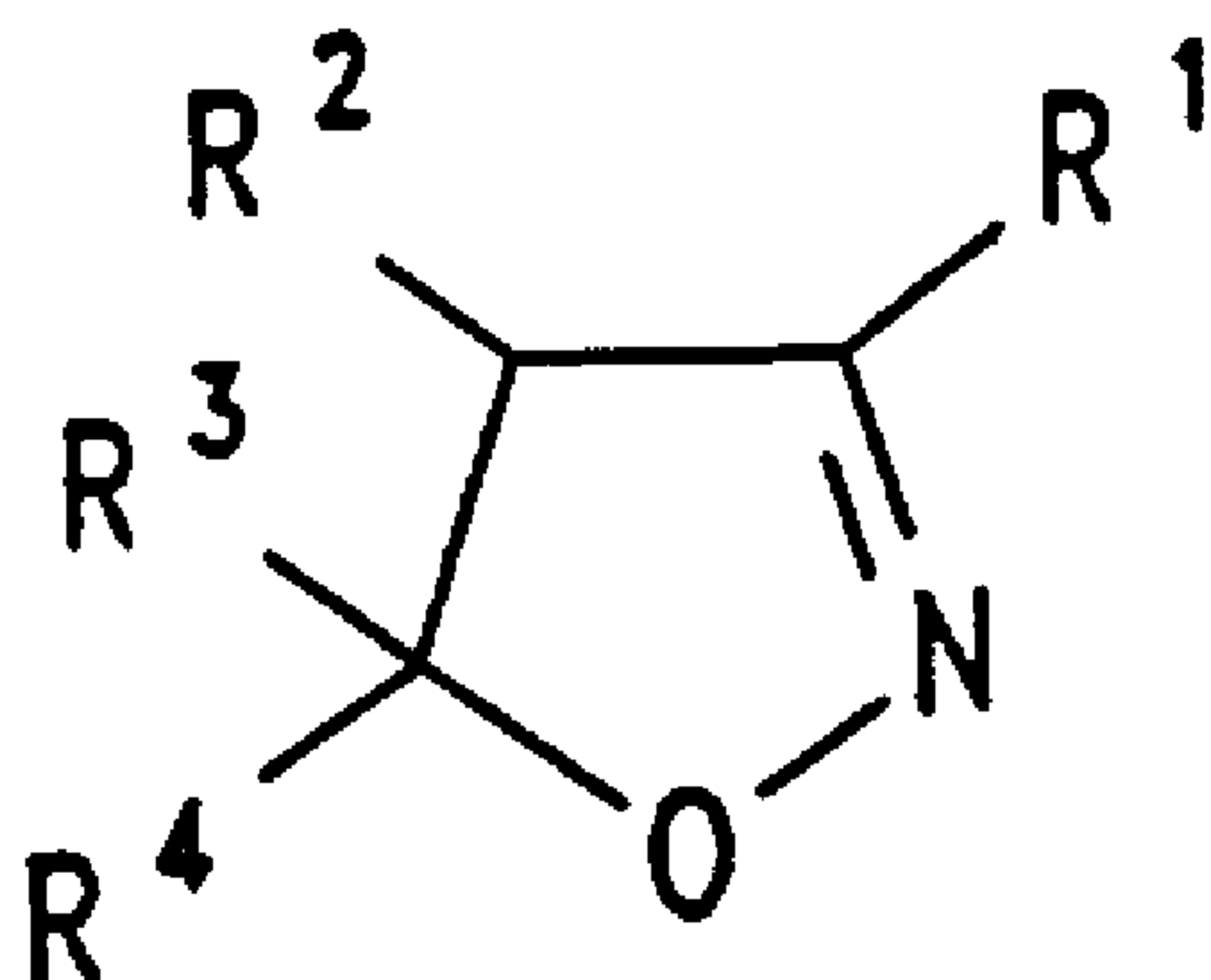




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(I)

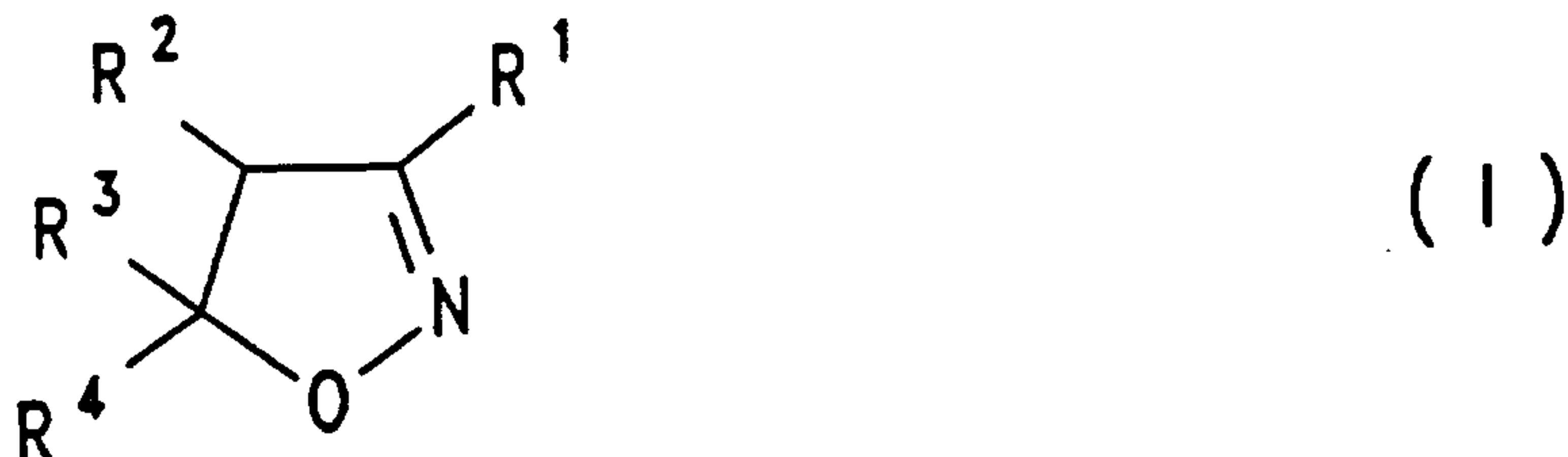
(57) Abrégé/Abstract:

Compounds of the formula (I) and salts thereof, (see formula I) in which R¹ is carboxyl, formyl or another acyl radical or a derivative of the last-mentioned 3 groups, R² is hydrogen, halogen, C₁-C₁₈-alkyl, C₃-C₈-cycloalkyl, C₂-C₈-alkenyl, C₂-C₈-alkynyl, C₁-C₁₈-alkoxy, C₂-C₈-alkenyloxy, C₂-C₈-alkynyloxy, C₁-C₁₈-alkylthio, C₂-C₈-alkenylthio, each of the last-mentioned 9 radicals in each case being unsubstituted or substituted, or (C₁-C₈-alkoxy)carbonyl, and R³ and R⁴ independently of one another are an aliphatic, araliphatic or heteroaraliphatic radical having 1 to 30 carbon atoms which is unsubstituted or substituted by one or more functional groups, or an aromatic or heteroaromatic radical which is unsubstituted or substituted, are suitable as safeners for pesticides, preferably herbicides, in crop plants. The compounds can be prepared from alkenes (II) and nitrile oxides (III) by the process of claim 6.

Abstract of the disclosure

Substituted isoxazolines, process for their preparation, compositions containing them, and their use as safeners.

Compounds of the formula (I) and salts thereof,



5 in which

R^1 is carboxyl, formyl or another acyl radical or a derivative of the last-mentioned 3 groups,

10 R^2 is hydrogen, halogen, C_1 - C_{18} -alkyl, C_3 - C_8 -cycloalkyl, C_2 - C_8 -alkenyl, C_2 - C_8 -alkynyl, C_1 - C_{18} -alkoxy, C_2 - C_8 -alkenyloxy, C_2 - C_8 -alkynyloxy, C_1 - C_{18} -alkylthio, C_2 - C_8 -alkenylthio, each of the last-mentioned 9 radicals in each case being unsubstituted or substituted, or (C_1 - C_8 -alkoxy)carbonyl, and

15 R^3 and R^4 independently of one another are an aliphatic, araliphatic or heteroaraliphatic radical having 1 to 30 carbon atoms which is unsubstituted or substituted by one or more functional groups, or
20 an aromatic or heteroaromatic radical which is unsubstituted or substituted,

are suitable as safeners for pesticides, preferably herbicides, in crop plants. The compounds can be prepared from alkenes (II) and nitrile oxides (III) by the process of claim 6.

Description

Substituted isoxazoles, process for their preparation, compositions containing them, and their use as safeners.

5 The invention relates to the technical field of crop protection products, in particular to combinations of active substance and antidote, which are outstandingly suitable for being used against competing harmful plants in crops of useful plants.

10 When plant treatment products, in particular herbicides, are used, this may result in undesirable damage to the crop plants treated. A large number of herbicides are not fully compatible (selective) with some important crop plants, so that their range of application is limited substantially. This is why they sometimes cannot be used
15 at all, or only at such low application rates that the desired, broad herbicidal activity against the harmful plants is not guaranteed. For example, a large number of herbicides of the substance classes (A) to (K) mentioned below cannot thus be employed in maize, rice or cereals
20 with sufficient selectivity. Phytotoxic side-effects become apparent on the crop plants in particular when these herbicides are applied post-emergence, and it is desirable to avoid or reduce such a phytotoxicity.

25 It is already known to use herbicides in combination with compounds which reduce the phytotoxicity of the herbicides in crop plants without correspondingly reducing the herbicidal activity against the harmful plants. Such components in combinations are termed safeners or antidotes.

30 The use of 5-phenylisoxazoline- and 5-phenylisothiazoline-3-carboxyl derivatives as safeners for herbicides from the series of the carbamates, thiocarbamates, haloacetanilides, phenoxyphenoxyalkanecarboxylic acid

derivatives, sulfonylureas and the like has been disclosed in EP-A-509 433 (CA-A-2065983).

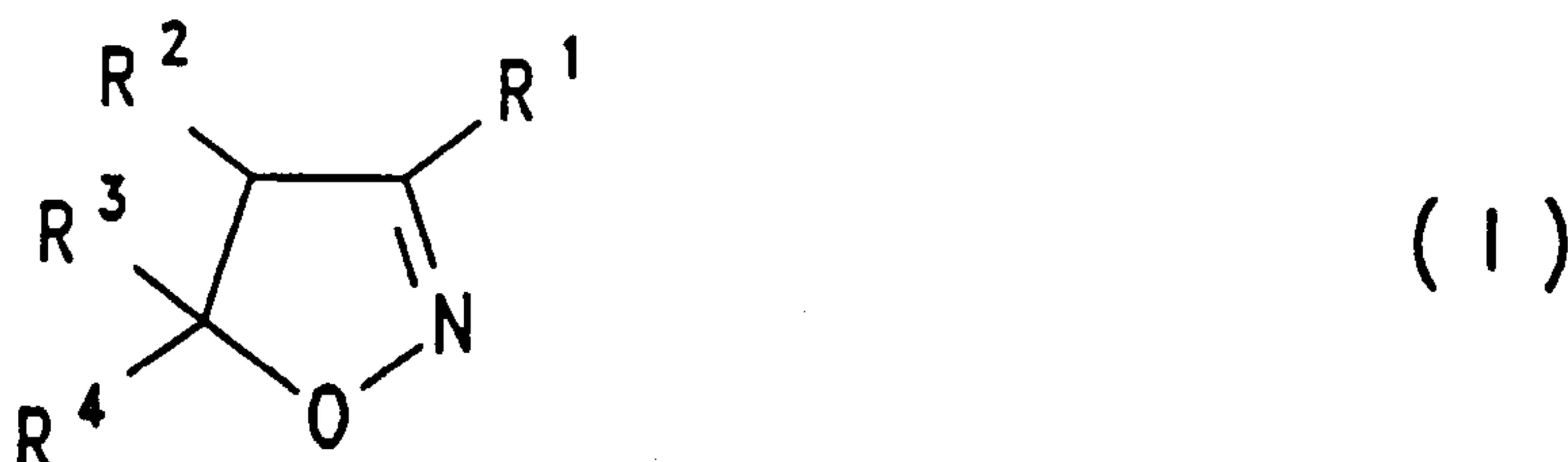
EP-A-520371 (CA-A-2072229) mentions, inter alia, 5-alkyl-isoxazoline- and -isothiazoline-3-carboxyl derivatives as
5 safeners for a range of classes of herbicides.

WO 92/03053 (CA-A-2089651) describes the use of substituted 3-arylisoxazoline- and -isothiazoline-5-carboxyl derivatives as safeners for these herbicides. WO 91/18907 (US-A-5,332,715) describes silyl-substituted
10 isoxazolines, isoxazoles, isothiazolines and isothiazoles as crop-protecting agents.

Finally, WO 91/08202 (US-A-5,314,863) describes 5-benzyl-substituted isoxazoline derivatives which have crop-protecting properties.

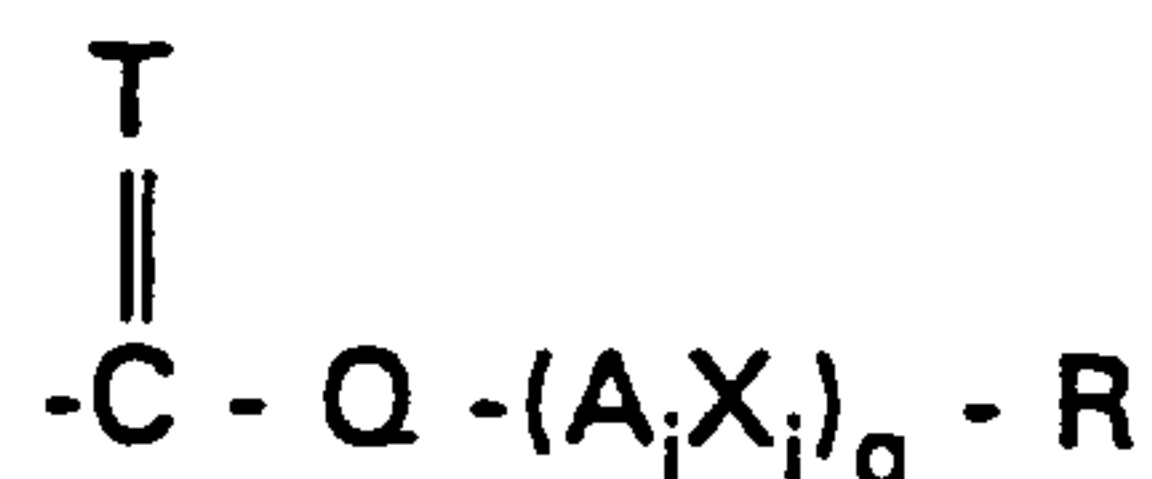
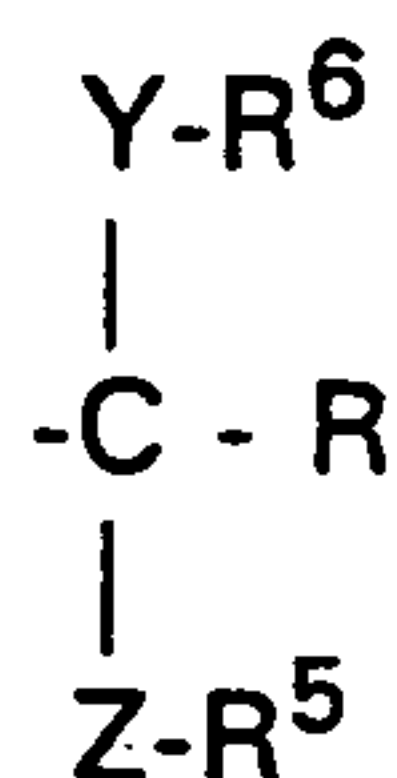
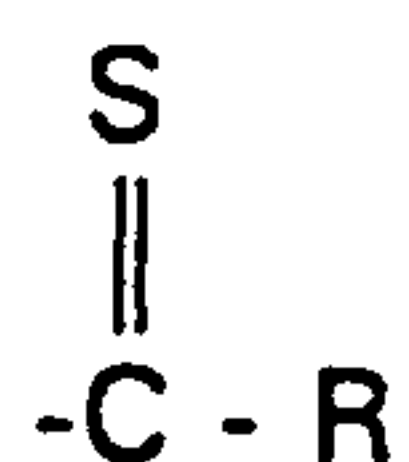
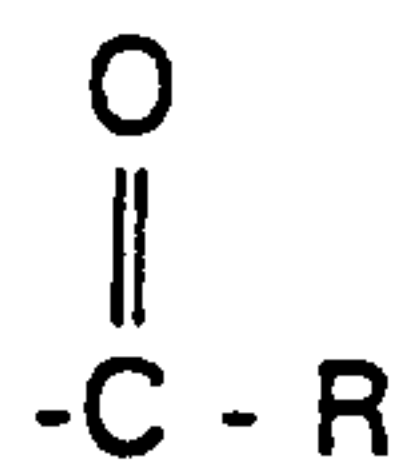
15 Surprisingly, it has now been found that compounds from the group of 5,5-disubstituted isoxazoline derivatives of the formula (I) below are outstandingly suitable for protecting crop plants against the damaging effects of aggressive agrochemicals, in particular herbicides.

20 These isoxazolines, which are suitable for protecting crop plants against harmful effects of aggressive agrochemicals, have the formula (I)



in which

R¹ is carboxyl, formyl or another acyl radical, or a
25 derivative of the last-mentioned 3 groups, preferably a radical of the formula



or



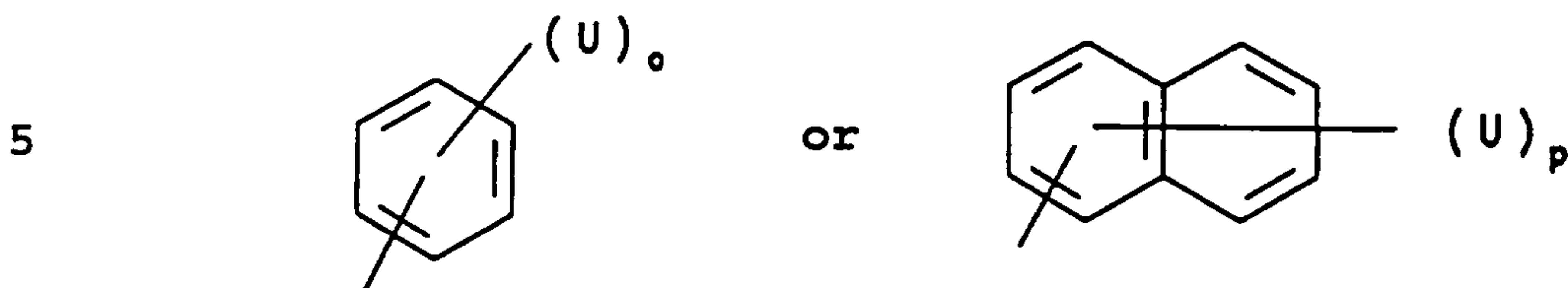
in which R, R^T, R⁵, R⁶, R⁷, Y, T, Z, Q, A_i, X_i and q are as defined further below,

5 R² is hydrogen, halogen, C₁-C₁₈-alkyl, C₃-C₈-cycloalkyl, C₂-C₈-alkenyl, C₂-C₈-alkynyl, C₁-C₁₈-alkoxy, C₂-C₈-alkenyloxy, C₂-C₈-alkynyloxy, C₁-C₁₈-alkylthio, C₂-C₈-alkenylthio, each of the last-mentioned 9 radicals being in each case unsubstituted or substituted by one or more radicals selected from the group consisting of halogen, nitro, cyano, C₁-C₄-alkoxy and (C₁-C₄-alkoxy)carbonyl, or is (C₁-C₈-alkoxy)carbonyl,

10

15 R³ and R⁴ independently of one another are an aliphatic, araliphatic or heteroaraliphatic radical having 1 to 30 carbon atoms which is unsubstituted or substituted by one or more functional groups, for example a radical C₁-C₁₈-alkyl, C₃-C₁₂-cycloalkyl, C₂-C₈-alkenyl or C₂-C₈-alkynyl, or an aromatic or heteroaromatic radical which is

unsubstituted or substituted, for example an unsubstituted or substituted phenyl, naphthyl or heteroaryl radical, preferably a radical of the formula



in which

(U) are identical or different radicals which, independently of one another, are hydrogen, halogen, cyano, nitro, amino or C₁-C₈-halo-alkyl, C₁-C₈-haloalkoxy, C₁-C₈-alkyl, C₁-C₈-alkoxy, mono-(C₁-C₄-alkyl)amino, di-(C₁-C₄-alkyl)amino, C₁-C₈-alkylthio or C₁-C₈-alkylsulfonyl, each of the last-mentioned 8 radicals being unsubstituted or substituted by one or more, preferably up to three, identical or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen, C₁-C₈-haloalkoxy, nitro, cyano, hydroxyl, C₁-C₈-alkoxy and a C₁-C₈-alkoxy group, in which one or more, preferably up to three, CH₂ groups are replaced by oxygen, and C₁-C₈-alkylthio, C₁-C₆-alkylsulfinyl, C₁-C₆-alkylsulfonyl, C₂-C₈-alkenylthio, C₂-C₈-alkynylthio, C₂-C₈-alkenyloxy, C₂-C₈-alkynyloxy, C₃-C₇-cycloalkyl, C₃-C₇-cycloalkoxy, mono- and di-(C₁-C₄-alkyl)amino and (C₁-C₈-alkoxy)carbonyl, preferably hydrogen, halogen, C₁-C₆-haloalkyl, such as trifluoromethyl, C₁-C₆-haloalkoxy, such as difluoromethoxy, C₁-C₆-alkyl, C₁-C₆-alkoxy, C₁-C₆-alkylthio, C₁-C₆-alkylsulfonyl, nitro, amino, (C₁-C₂-alkyl)amino, di-(C₁-C₂-alkyl)amino or cyano,

and

o is an integer from 1 to 5, preferably 1 to 3,
and

5 p is an integer from 1 to 7, preferably 1 to 3,
or, preferably, a monocyclic or bicyclic heteroaryl
radical selected from the group consisting of furyl,
thienyl, pyrrolyl, pyrazolyl, thiazolyl, oxazolyl,
pyridinyl, pyrimidinyl, pyrazinyl, pyridazinyl and
10 quinolinyl, each of which is unsubstituted or sub-
stituted by one or more, preferably one to three, of
the radicals U mentioned,

R is hydrogen or an aliphatic, aromatic, hetero-
aromatic, araliphatic or heteroaraliphatic radical
having 1 to 30 carbon atoms which is unsubstituted
15 or substituted by one or more functional groups, for
example R is a radical hydrogen, C_1 - C_{18} -alkyl, C_3 -
 C_{12} -cycloalkyl, C_2 - C_8 -alkenyl or C_2 - C_8 -alkynyl,
heterocyclyl, phenyl or heteroaryl,

each of the last-mentioned 7 radicals indepen-
20 dently of one another being unsubstituted or
substituted by one or more radicals selected
from the group consisting of halogen, cyano,
thio, nitro, hydroxyl, C_1 - C_8 -alkyl, the latter
only in the case of cyclic radicals, C_1 - C_8 -
25 haloalkyl, C_1 - C_8 -alkoxy, C_2 - C_8 -alkenyloxy, C_2 -
 C_8 -alkynyloxy, C_1 - C_8 -haloalkoxy, C_1 - C_8 -
alkylthio, C_2 - C_8 -alkenylthio, C_2 - C_8 -alkynyl-
thio, C_3 - C_7 -cycloalkyl, C_3 - C_7 -cycloalkoxy,
radicals of the formulae $-NR^*R^{**}$ and $-CO-NR^*R^{**}$
30 and $-O-CO-NR^*R^{**}$,

where R^* and R^{**} in the last-mentioned 3
radicals independently of one another are
hydrogen, C_1 - C_8 -alkyl, C_2 - C_8 -alkenyl, C_2 -
 C_8 -alkynyl, benzyl, phenyl or substituted
35 phenyl, or together with the nitrogen
atom are a 3- to 8-membered heterocycle
which can additionally contain up to 2
further hetero atoms selected from the

group consisting of N, O and S and which can additionally be substituted by C₁-C₄-alkyl,

5 and also (C₁-C₈-alkoxy)carbonyl, (C₁-C₈-alkoxy)thiocarbonyl, (C₂-C₈-alkenyloxy)carbonyl, (C₁-C₈-alkylthio)carbonyl, (C₂-C₈-alkenylthio)carbonyl, (C₂-C₈-alkynylthio)carbonyl, (C₂-C₈-alkynyloxy)carbonyl, formyl, (C₁-C₈-alkyl)-
 10 carbonyl, (C₂-C₈-alkenyl)carbonyl, (C₂-C₈-alkynyl)carbonyl, C₁-C₄-alkylimino, C₁-C₄-alkoxyimino, (C₁-C₈-alkyl)carbonylamino, (C₂-C₈-alkenyl)carbonylamino, (C₂-C₈-alkynyl)carbonylamino, (C₁-C₈-alkoxy)carbonylamino, (C₂-C₈-alkenyloxy)carbonylamino, (C₂-C₈-alkynyloxy)-
 15 carbonylamino, (C₁-C₈-alkyl)amino-carbonylamino, (C₁-C₆-alkyl)carbonyloxy, which is unsubstituted or substituted by halogen, NO₂, C₁-C₄-alkoxy or optionally substituted phenyl,
 20 and (C₂-C₆-alkenyl)carbonyloxy, (C₂-C₆-alkynyl)carbonyloxy, (C₁-C₈-alkoxy)carbonyloxy, (C₂-C₈-alkenyloxy)carbonyloxy, (C₂-C₈-alkynyloxy)carbonyloxy, C₁-C₈-alkylsulfonyl,
 25 phenyl, phenyl-C₁-C₆-alkoxy, phenyl-(C₁-C₆-alkoxy)carbonyl, phenoxy, phenoxy-C₁-C₆-alkoxy, phenoxy-(C₁-C₆-alkoxy)carbonyl, phenoxy-carbonyl, phenylcarbonyloxy, phenylcarbonyl-amino, phenyl-(C₁-C₆-alkyl)carbonylamino and
 30 phenyl-(C₁-C₆-alkyl)carbonyloxy,

the last-mentioned 11 radicals being unsubstituted or substituted in the phenyl ring by one or more radicals selected from the group consisting of
 35 halogen, C₁-C₄-alkyl, C₁-C₄-alkoxy, C₁-C₄-haloalkyl, C₁-C₄-haloalkoxy and nitro, and radicals of the formulae -SiR'₃, -O-SiR'₃, (R')₃Si-C₁-C₆-alkoxy, -CO-O-NR'₂, -O-N=CR'₂,

$-N=CR'_2$, $O-NR'_2$, $-CH(OR')_2$ and $-O-(CH_2)_m-$
 $CH(OR')_2$,

5 in which the R' in the formulae mentioned
independently of one another are hydro-
gen, C_1 - C_4 -alkyl or phenyl which is unsub-
stituted or mono- or polysubstituted by
radicals selected from the group consist-
ing of halogen, C_1 - C_4 -alkyl, C_1 - C_4 -alkoxy,
 C_1 - C_4 -haloalkyl, C_1 - C_4 -haloalkoxy and
10 nitro, or, in pairs, are a C_2 - C_6 -alkylene
chain, and m is 0 to 6,

and a substituted alkoxy radical of the formula
 $R''OCHR'''CH(OR'')-C_1-C_6$ -alkoxy,

15 in which the R'' independently of one
another are C_1 - C_4 -alkyl or together are a
 C_1 - C_6 -alkylene group and R''' is hydrogen
or C_1 - C_4 -alkyl,

R^T is a radical of the formula $-CO-R$, $-CS-R$, $-NR^fR^g$,
 $-N=CR^hR^i$ or $SiR^aR^bR^c$,

20 R having the meaning mentioned and R^f , R^g , R^h
and R^i independently of one another being
hydrogen, C_1 - C_4 -alkyl, C_2 - C_4 -alkenyl, C_2 - C_4 -
alkynyl, benzyl, phenyl or substituted phenyl,
or R^f and R^g together with the nitrogen atom
25 being a 5- or 6-membered heterocycle which can
additionally contain up to 2 further hetero
atoms selected from the group consisting of N,
O and S and which can additionally be substi-
tuted by C_1 - C_4 -alkyl, and
30 R^a , R^b and R^c independently of one another
being C_1 - C_4 -alkyl, C_2 - C_4 -alkenyl, C_2 - C_4 -alkynyl,
phenyl or substituted phenyl,

Y and Z independently of one another are oxygen, sulfur
at its various oxidation levels, preferably S, SO or
35 SO_2 , or $-NR^e$, R^e being defined analogously to R^5 or
 R^6 ,

R^5 and R^6 are identical or different and, independently of one another, are hydrogen, C_1 - C_6 -alkyl, C_2 - C_6 -alkenyl, C_2 - C_6 -alkynyl or $(C_1$ - C_4 -alkyl)carbonyl,

5 each of the 4 last-mentioned radicals being unsubstituted or substituted by one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen, C_1 - C_8 -haloalkoxy, nitro, cyano, hydroxyl, C_1 - C_8 -alkoxy and a C_1 - C_8 -alkoxy group, in which one or more, preferably up to
10 three, CH_2 groups which are not bonded directly to each other are replaced by oxygen, and C_1 - C_8 -alkylthio, C_1 - C_6 -alkylsulfonyl, C_2 - C_8 -alkenylthio, C_2 - C_8 -alkynylthio, C_2 - C_8 -alkenyl-oxy, C_2 - C_8 -alkynyloxy, C_3 - C_7 -cycloalkyl, C_3 - C_7 -cycloalkoxy and amino, mono- and di- $(C_1$ - C_4 -alkyl)amino, or

formyl or $SiR^aR^bR^c$,

in which R^a , R^b and R^c independently of one another are C_1 - C_4 -alkyl, C_2 - C_4 -alkenyl, C_2 - C_4 -alkynyl or unsubstituted or substituted phenyl,
20 or

C_3 - C_8 -cycloalkyl, C_3 - C_8 -cycloalkenyl, heterocyclyl having 3 to 7 ring atoms, aryl, heteroaryl or aryl-carbonyl,

25 each of the last-mentioned 6 radicals being unsubstituted or substituted by one or more radicals selected from the group consisting of C_1 - C_8 -alkyl, halogen, C_1 - C_8 -haloalkoxy, nitro, cyano, hydroxyl, C_1 - C_8 -alkoxy and a C_1 - C_8 -alkoxy group, in which one or more, preferably
30 up to three, CH_2 groups which are not bonded directly to each other are replaced by oxygen, and C_1 - C_8 -alkylthio, C_1 - C_6 -alkylsulfonyl, C_2 - C_8 -alkenylthio, C_2 - C_8 -alkynylthio, C_2 - C_8 -alkenyl-oxy, C_2 - C_8 -alkynyloxy, C_3 - C_7 -cycloalkyl, C_3 - C_7 -cycloalkoxy and amino, mono- and di- $(C_1$ - C_4 -alkyl)amino, or

R^5 and R^6 together are a C_2 - C_4 -alkylene chain or C_2 - C_4 -

alkenylene chain which is unsubstituted or substituted by 1 or 2 radicals selected from the group consisting of methyl, ethyl, methoxy, ethoxy and halogen,

5 R^7 is hydrogen, C_1 - C_4 -alkyl, C_2 - C_4 -alkenyl, C_2 - C_4 -alkynyl, unsubstituted or substituted C_6 - C_{12} -aryl or heteroaryl, benzyl, C_1 - C_4 -alkoxy, acyloxy, such as
 10 (C_1 - C_4 -alkyl)carbonyloxy and unsubstituted and substituted phenylcarbonyloxy, or hydroxyl, -NH-CO-NH₂, -NH-CS-NH₂, mono- and di-(C_1 - C_4 -alkyl)amino, acylamino, (C_1 - C_4 -alkyl)sulfonylamino, C_6 - C_{12} -aryloxy, heteroaryloxy, arylsulfonylamino or aryl-amino,

15 aryl or heteroaryl in the last-mentioned 4 radicals being unsubstituted or substituted by one or more radicals selected from the group consisting of halogen, nitro, (C_1 - C_4)-alkyl, (C_1 - C_4)-alkoxy, (C_1 - C_4)-haloalkyl and (C_1 - C_4)-haloalkoxy,

20 T is O, S, NR^8 , N-OR⁸ or N-O-acyl,

Q is O or S,

q is an integer from 0 to 4,

i is a consecutive number which, in the event that q is not 0, assumes values of all integers from 1 to
 25 q , q having the abovementioned meaning,

X_i independently of one another are O, S, NR^9 or N-(A_iX_i) _{q} -R,

A_i independently of one another are unsubstituted or substituted C_1 - C_6 -alkylene, C_2 - C_6 -alkenylene, C_2 - C_6 -alkynylene,
 30 C_3 - C_6 -cycloalkylene, C_3 - C_6 -cycloalkenylene, heterocyclylene, arylene or hetero-arylene and

R^8 and R^9 independently of one another are H, C_1 - C_4 -alkyl, C_2 - C_4 -alkenyl, C_2 - C_4 -alkynyl, C_3 - C_6 -cycloalkyl, C_3 -
 35 C_6 -cycloalkenyl, heterocyclyl, aryl or heteroaryl.

In formula (I) and hereinbelow, the radicals alkyl,

alkoxy, haloalkyl, haloalkoxy, alkylamino and alkylthio and the corresponding unsaturated and/or substituted radicals in the carbon skeleton can be in each case straight-chain or branched. Unless specifically indicated, the carbon skeletons having 1 to 4 carbon atoms or, in the case of unsaturated groups, 2 to 4 carbon atoms, are preferred for these radicals. Alkyl radicals, also in the composite meanings such as alkoxy, haloalkyl and the like are, for example, methyl, ethyl, n- or i-propyl, n-, i-, t- or 2-butyl, pentyl radicals, hexyl radicals, such as n-hexyl, i-hexyl and 1,3-dimethylbutyl, heptyl radicals, such as n-heptyl, 1-methylhexyl and 1,4-dimethylpentyl; alkenyl and alkynyl radicals are as defined for the unsaturated radicals which are possible and which correspond to the alkyl radicals; alkenyl is, for example, allyl, 1-methylprop-2-en-1-yl, 2-methylprop-2-en-1-yl, but-2-en-1-yl, but-3-en-1-yl, 1-methylbut-3-en-1-yl and 1-methylbut-2-en-1-yl; alkynyl is, for example, propargyl, but-2-yn-1-yl, but-3-yn-1-yl, 1-methylbut-3-yn-1-yl. Halogen is fluorine, chlorine, bromine or iodine, preferably fluorine, chlorine or bromine, in particular fluorine or chlorine. Haloalkyl, -alkenyl and -alkynyl are alkyl, alkenyl or alkynyl, which are partially or fully substituted by halogen, for example CF_3 , CHF_2 , CH_2F , CF_3CF_2 , CH_2FCHCl , CCl_3 , CHCl_2 , $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}$; haloalkoxy is, for example, OCF_3 , OCHF_2 , OCH_2F , $\text{CF}_3\text{CF}_2\text{O}$, OCH_2CF_3 . The same applies to haloalkenyl and other radicals which are substituted by halogen.

Aryl is, for example, phenyl, naphthyl, tetrahydronaphthyl, indenyl, indanyl, pentalenyl, fluorenyl and the like, preferably phenyl; aryloxy is preferably the oxy radicals which correspond to the aryl radicals mentioned, in particular phenoxy.

Heteoaryl or heteroaryl in heteroaryloxy is, for example, pyridyl, pyrimidinyl, pyridazinyl, pyrazinyl, thienyl, thiazolyl, oxazolyl, furyl, pyrrolyl, pyrazolyl and

imidazolyl, but also bicyclic or polycyclic aromatic or araliphatic compounds, for example quinolinyl, benzoxazolyl and the like.

Substituted aryl or aryloxy, heteroaryl, heteroaryloxy, phenyl, phenoxy, benzyl, benzyloxy or substituted bicyclic radicals having aromatic moieties are, for example, a substituted radical which is derived from the unsubstituted basic skeleton, the substituents being, for example, one or more, preferably 1, 2 or 3, radicals selected from the group consisting of halogen, alkyl, haloalkyl, alkoxy, haloalkoxy, hydroxyl, amino, nitro, cyano, alkoxycarbonyl, alkylcarbonyl, formyl, carbamoyl, mono- and dialkylaminocarbonyl, mono- and dialkylamino, alkylsulfinyl and alkylsulfonyl and, in the case of radicals which have carbon atoms, those having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, in particular 1 or 2, being preferred. As a rule, preferred substituents are selected from the group consisting of halogen, for example fluorine and chlorine, C₁-C₄-alkyl, preferably methyl or ethyl, C₁-C₄-haloalkyl, preferably trifluoromethyl, C₁-C₄-alkoxy, preferably methoxy or ethoxy, C₁-C₄-haloalkoxy, nitro and cyano. Particularly preferred are the substituents methyl, methoxy and chlorine.

Optionally substituted phenyl is, for example, phenyl which is unsubstituted or mono- or polysubstituted, preferably up to trisubstituted, by identical or different radicals selected from the group consisting of halogen, (C₁-C₄)-alkyl, (C₁-C₄)-alkoxy, (C₁-C₄)-haloalkyl, (C₁-C₄)-haloalkoxy and nitro, for example o-, m- and p-tolyl, dimethylphenyl radicals, 2-, 3- and 4-chlorophenyl, 2-, 3- and 4-trifluoro- and -trichlorophenyl, 2,4-, 3,5-, 2,5- and 2,3-dichlorophenyl, and o-, m- and p-methoxyphenyl.

A three- to seven-membered heterocyclic radical as described above is preferably derived from benzene, where

- at least one CH is replaced by N and/or at least two adjacent CH pairs are replaced by NH, S and/or O. The radical can be benzo-fused. It is optionally partially or fully hydrogenated, in which case it is also termed
- 5 heterocyclyl. Suitable radicals are, in particular, radicals such as oxiranyl, pyrrolidyl, piperidyl, dioxolanyl, pyrazolyl, morpholyl, furyl, tetrahydrofuryl, indolyl, quinoliny, pyrimidyl, azepinyl, triazolyl, thienyl and oxazolyl.
- 10 Acyl is, for example, formyl, alkylcarbonyl, such as (C₁-C₄-alkyl)carbonyl, phenylcarbonyl, it being possible for the phenyl ring to be substituted, for example as shown above in the case of phenyl, or alkyloxycarbonyl, phenyloxycarbonyl, benzyloxycarbonyl, alkylsulfonyl and
- 15 other radicals of organic acids.

Carboxyl derivatives are typical acid derivative radicals, such as, for example, salts, esters, thioesters, amides, thioamides, keto acids, amidines and nitriles. Formyl derivatives and acyl derivatives are, especially,

20 carbonyl-analog derivatives, such as acetals, thioacetals, thioketals, imines, thioformyl, thioacyl and the like.

Some compounds of the formula (I) contain one or more asymmetric carbon atoms or double bonds which are not

25 separately mentioned in formula (I). The stereoisomers which are possible and which are defined by their specific spatial shape, such as enantiomers, diastereomers, E and Z isomers and their mixtures, however, are all embraced by formula (I).

30 The compounds of the formula (I) which are derived from carboxylic acids can form salts in which the radical R is replaced by an equivalent of an agriculturally suitable cation. Examples of these salts are metal salts, in particular alkali metal salts (Na,K) or alkaline earth

metal salts, but also ammonium salts or salts with organic amines, and salts which contain sulfonium or phosphonium ions as cations.

5 Particularly suitable as salt formers are metals and organic nitrogen bases, especially quaternary ammonium bases. Possible metals which are suitable for salt formation are alkaline earth metals, such as magnesium or calcium, but especially alkali metals, such as lithium and, in particular, potassium and sodium.

10 Examples of nitrogen bases which are suitable for salt formation are primary, secondary or tertiary, aliphatic and aromatic amines which are optionally hydroxylated on the hydrocarbon radical, such as methylamine, ethylamine, propylamine, isopropylamine, the four isomeric
15 butylamines, dimethylamine, diethylamine, dipropylamine, diisopropylamine, di-n-butylamine, pyrrolidine, piperidine, morpholine, trimethylamine, triethylamine, tripropylamine, quinuclidine, pyridine, quinoline, isoquinoline, and also methanolamine, ethanolamine,
20 propanolamine, dimethanolamine, diethanolamine or triethanolamine.

Examples of quaternary ammonium bases are tetraalkylammonium cations in which the alkyl radicals independently of one another are straight-chain or branched C_1 - C_6 -
25 alkyl groups, such as the tetramethylammonium cation, the tetraethylammonium cation or the trimethylethylammonium cation, and furthermore the trimethylbenzylammonium cation, the triethylbenzylammonium cation and the trimethyl-2-hydroxyethylammonium cation.

30 Particularly preferred as salt formers are the ammonium cation and di- as well as trialkylammonium cations in which the alkyl radicals independently of one another are straight-chain or branched (C_1 - C_6)-alkyl groups which are optionally substituted by a hydroxyl group, such as, for

example, the dimethylammonium cation, the trimethylammonium cation, the triethylammonium cation, the di(2-hydroxyethyl)ammonium cation and the tri(2-hydroxyethyl)ammonium cation.

- 5 Compounds of the formula (I) or salts thereof which are of particular interest are those in which R^2 is hydrogen, C_1-C_4 -alkyl, C_1-C_4 -alkoxy or C_5-C_6 -cycloalkyl and at least one of the radicals R^3 and R^4 is a radical of the formula



in which

- (U) are identical or different radicals which, independently of one another, are hydrogen, halogen, such as fluorine, chlorine, bromine and iodine, cyano, nitro, amino, C_1-C_4 -haloalkyl, C_1-C_4 -haloalkoxy, C_1-C_4 -alkyl, C_1-C_4 -alkoxy, mono- $(C_1-C_4$ -alkyl)amino, di- $(C_1-C_4$ -alkyl)amino, C_1-C_4 -alkylthio or C_1-C_4 -alkylsulfonyl,

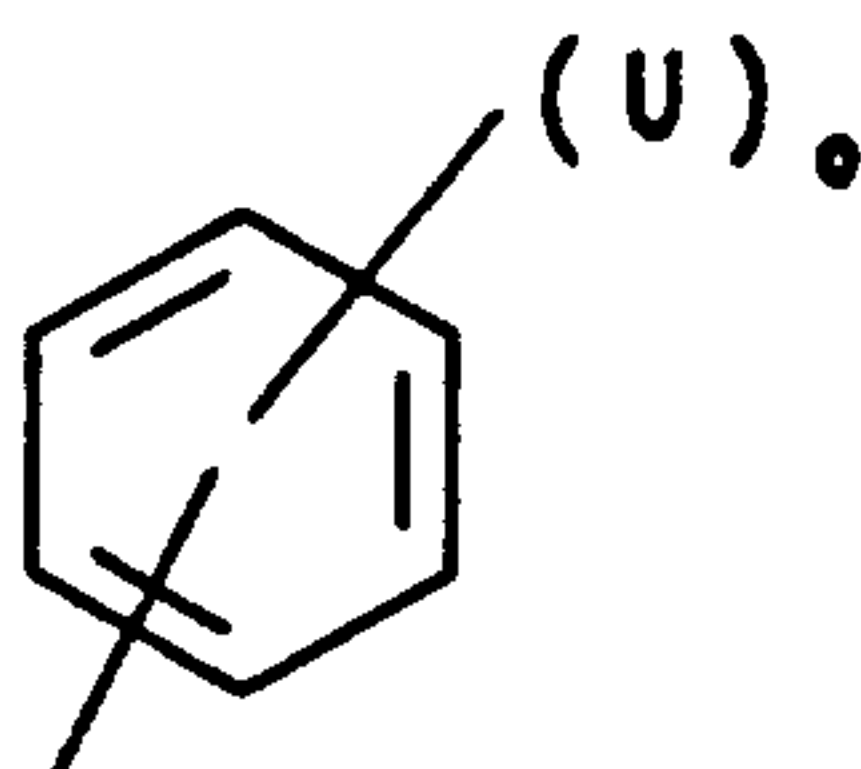
- 20 o is an integer from 1 to 3 and

p is an integer from 1 to 3, or

- R^3 and R^4 independently of one another are a monocyclic or bicyclic heteroaryl radical selected from the group consisting of furyl, thienyl, pyrrolyl, pyrazolyl, thiazolyl, oxazolyl, pyridinyl, pyrimidinyl, pyrazinyl, pyridazinyl and quinolinyl, which is unsubstituted or substituted by one to three of the abovementioned radicals V.

- 30 Particularly preferably, the radicals R^3 and R^4 are

identical or different radicals of the formula



U and o having the abovementioned meanings.

Other compounds of the formula (I) mentioned and salts thereof which are of particular interest are those in which

R is hydrogen, C₁-C₈-alkyl, C₄-C₇-cycloalkyl, C₂-C₈-alkenyl or C₂-C₈-alkynyl, heterocyclyl, phenyl or heteroaryl,

each of the last-mentioned 7 radicals independently of one another being unsubstituted or substituted by one or more radicals selected from the group consisting of halogen, cyano, thio, nitro, hydroxyl, C₁-C₄-alkyl, the latter only in the case of cyclic radicals, C₁-C₄-haloalkyl, C₁-C₄-alkoxy, C₂-C₄-alkenyloxy, C₂-C₄-alkynyloxy, C₁-C₄-haloalkoxy, C₁-C₄-alkylthio, C₂-C₄-alkenylthio, C₂-C₄-alkynylthio, C₅-C₆-cycloalkyl, C₅-C₆-cycloalkoxy, amino, mono- and di-(C₁-C₄-alkyl)amino, (C₁-C₆-alkoxy)carbonyl, radicals of the formulae -SiR'₃, -O-NR'₂, -O-N=CR'₂, -N=CR'₂, in which the R' in the formulae mentioned independently of one another are hydrogen, C₁-C₂-alkyl or phenyl or, in pairs, are a C₂-C₅-alkylene chain,

or

compounds in which

R^T is a radical of the formula -CO-R, -NR^fR^g or -N=CR^hRⁱ, R, R^f, R^g, R^h and Rⁱ having the meanings mentioned.

R is preferably hydrogen, C₁-C₈-alkyl, C₅-C₆-cycloalkyl, C₂-C₈-alkenyl or C₂-C₈-alkynyl, each of the last-mentioned 4 radicals independently of one another being unsubstituted or substituted by one or more radicals selected from the group consisting of halogen, cyano, nitro, C₁-C₄-alkoxy, C₂-C₄-alkenyloxy, C₂-C₄-alkynyloxy, C₅-C₆-cycloalkyl, C₅-C₆-cycloalkoxy, mono- and di-(C₁-C₄-alkyl)amino, radicals of the formulae -SiR'₃, -O-N=CR'₂, -N=CR'₂, in which the R' in the formula mentioned independently of one another are hydrogen, C₁-C₂-alkyl or phenyl or, in pairs, are a C₂-C₅-alkylene chain.

R^T is preferably -CO-R, R having the meaning mentioned, or is -NR^fR^g or -N=CR^hRⁱ, in which

15 R^f and R^g independently of one another are H, C₁-C₂-alkyl, benzyl or phenyl or, together with the nitrogen atom, are pyrrolidin-1-yl, piperidin-1-yl, morpholin-4-yl, piperazin-1-yl or imidazol-1-yl, or

20 R^h and Rⁱ independently of one another are H, C₁-C₂-alkyl, benzyl or phenyl.

Other compounds of the formula (I) mentioned and salts thereof which are of particular interest are those in which

25 R⁵ and R⁶ are identical or different and independently of one another are hydrogen, C₁-C₄-alkyl, C₂-C₄-alkenyl, C₂-C₄-alkynyl, C₅-C₆-cycloalkyl or C₅-C₆-cycloalkenyl, and those compounds in which

30 R⁷ is hydrogen, C₁-C₄-alkyl, phenyl, benzyl, hydroxyl, NH-CO-NH₂, -NH-aryl or C₁-C₄-alkoxy.

Other compounds of the formula (I) mentioned and salts thereof which are of particular interest are those in which

35 T is O, S or NR⁸, preferably O or NR⁸,

- Q is O or S, preferably O,
 q is an integer from 0 to 4,
 i is a consecutive number which, in the event
 that q is not 0, assumes values of all integers
 5 from 1 to q, q having the abovementioned
 meaning,
 X_i independently of one another are O, S, NR⁹ or
 N-(A_iX_i)_q-R
 A_i independently of one another are unsubstituted
 10 or substituted C₁-C₄-alkylene, C₂-C₄-alkenyl-
 ene, C₅-C₆-cycloalkylene, preferably C₁-C₄-
 alkylene,
 R⁸ and R⁹ independently of one another are H, C₁-C₄-
 alkyl, C₂-C₄-alkenyl, C₂-C₄-alkynyl or C₅-C₆-
 15 cycloalkyl.

The invention also relates to a method of protecting crop
 plants, preferably cereal, rice, maize, soya bean or
 sugar beet plants, against phytotoxic side-effects of
 crop protection products, such as herbicides, insecti-
 20 cides and fungicides, which comprises applying an
 effective amount of at least one compound of the formula
 (I) or a salt thereof to the plants, the seeds of the
 plants or the area under cultivation, before, after or
 simultaneously with the active substances in question.

25 The invention furthermore relates to the use of compounds
 of the formula (I) or salts thereof for protecting crop
 plants against phytotoxic side-effects of crop protection
 products, such as herbicides, insecticides and
 fungicides.

30 The present invention also relates to a process for the
 preparation of the compound of the formula (I) and salts
 thereof, which comprises reacting a compound of the
 formula (II)



in which R^2 , R^3 and R^4 have the meaning given in formula (I), with a nitrile oxide of the formula (III)



in which R^1 has the meaning given in formula (I).

- 5 The reaction is carried out, for example, in an organic solvent. Preferably suitable as solvents are non-polar to slightly polar organic solvents, for example ethers, such as diethyl ether or tetrahydrofuran (THF).

10 The starting compounds of the formulae (II) and (III) are known from the literature (cf. J. Org. Chem. 25, 1160 (1960); J. Am. Chem. Soc. 46, 791 (1924) and references cited therein) or can be prepared analogously to the known compounds. The nitrile oxides of the formula (III) are, as a rule, prepared in situ from 2-halo-2-
15 hydroximinoacetic acid (derivatives) or -ethanal (derivatives) or 2-halo-2-hydroximinoketones with the action of bases, for example organic amine bases, and reacted directly with the compound of the formula (II) which is already present in the reaction mixture. The
20 reaction is preferably carried out at a temperature of -15°C up to the boiling point of the solvent, in particular at room temperature.

In the text which follows, compounds of the formula (I) also include the salts thereof, unless defined in greater
25 detail.

Compounds of the formula (I) reduce or prevent phytotoxic side-effects of crop protection products, such as herbicides, insecticides and fungicides, which occur when these active substances are used in crops of useful
30 plants, and they can therefore conventionally be termed as antidotes or safeners.

In order to be applied jointly with active substances of crop protection products, the compounds of the formula (I) according to the invention can be applied simultaneously with the active substances or in any desired sequence, and they are then capable of reducing, or completely compensating for, harmful side-effects of these active substances on crop plants without adversely affecting the activity of these active substances against harmful plants or insects or fungal pests. Damage caused by the use of a plurality of crop protection products, for example by a plurality of herbicides or by herbicides in combination with insecticides or fungicides, can also be reduced considerably or compensated for completely. This allows the field of application of conventional crop protection products to be widened quite considerably.

Examples of insecticides which, by themselves or together with herbicides, are capable of causing damage to plants are the following:

Insecticidal preparations, such as organophosphates, for example Terbufos ([®]Counter), Fonofos ([®]Dyfonate), Phorate ([®]Thimet), Chlorpyrifos ([®]Reldan) and other related active substances; insecticide carbamates, such as, for example carbofuran ([®]Furadan) and others; and pyrethroid insecticides, such as, for example, Tefluthrin ([®]Force), deltamethrin ([®]Decis) and tralomethrin ([®]Scout) and others; and other insecticidal compositions with a different mechanism of action.

Examples of herbicides whose phytotoxic side-effects on crop plants can be reduced by means of compounds of the formula (I) are, for example, herbicides selected from the group consisting of the carbamates, thiocarbamates, haloacetanilides, substituted phenoxy-, naphthoxy- and phenoxyphenoxycarboxylic acid derivatives, and also heteroaryloxyphenoxyalkanecarboxylic acid derivatives, such as quinolyloxy-, quinoxalyloxy-, pyridyloxy-, benzoxalyloxy- and benzothiazolyloxyphenoxyalkanecarboxylic acid

esters, cyclohexanedione derivatives, imidazolinones, pyrimidyloxy pyridinecarboxylic acid derivatives, pyrimidyloxybenzoic acid derivatives, sulfonylureas, triazolopyrimidinesulfonamide derivatives and S-(N-aryl-
 5 N-alkylcarbamoylemethyl)dithiophosphoric acid esters. Preferred are the esters and salts of phenoxyphenoxy- and heteroaryloxyphenoxy-carboxylic acids, as well as sulfonylureas, imidazolinones and herbicides which, together with ALS inhibitors (acetolactate synthase
 10 inhibitors), are employed for broadening the spectrum of action, for example bentazone, cyanazine, atrazine, bromoxynil, dicamba and other foliar-acting herbicides.

Examples of suitable herbicides which can be combined with the safeners according to the invention are:

- 15 A) Herbicides of the (C₁-C₄)alkyl, (C₂-C₄)alkenyl and (C₃-C₄)alkynyl phenoxyphenoxy- and heteroaryloxyphenoxy-carboxylate type, such as

A1) phenoxyphenoxy- and benzyloxyphenoxy-carboxylic acid derivatives, for example methyl 2-(4-(2,4-dichloro-
 20 phenoxy)phenoxy)propionate (diclofop-methyl), methyl 2-(4-(4-bromo-2-chlorophenoxy)phenoxy)propionate (see DE-A-2601548), methyl 2-(4-(4-bromo-2-fluorophenoxy)phenoxy)propionate (see US-A-4808750),
 25 methyl 2-(4-(2-chloro-4-trifluoromethylphenoxy)phenoxy)-propionate (see DE-A-2433067), methyl 2-(4-(2-fluoro-4-trifluoromethylphenoxy)phenoxy)-propionate (see US-A-4808750), methyl 2-(4-(2,4-dichlorobenzyl)phenoxy)propionate (see
 30 DE-A-2417487), ethyl 4-(4-(4-trifluoromethylphenoxy)phenoxy)pent-2-enoate, methyl 2-(4-(4-trifluoromethylphenoxy)phenoxy)propionate (see DE-A-2433067),

- A2) "mononuclear" heteroaryloxyphenoxyalkanecarboxylic acid derivatives, for example
ethyl 2-(4-(3,5-dichloropyridyl-2-oxy)phenoxy)propionate
(see EP-A-2925),
5 propargyl 2-(4-(3,5-dichloropyridyl-2-oxy)phenoxy)propionate (EP-A-3114),
methyl 2-(4-(3-chloro-5-trifluoromethyl-2-pyridyloxy)phenoxy)propionate (see EP-A-3890),
ethyl 2-(4-(3-chloro-5-trifluoromethyl-2-pyridyloxy)phenoxy)propionate (see EP-A-3890),
10 propargyl 2-(4-(5-chloro-3-fluoro-2-pyridyloxy)phenoxy)propionate (EP-A-191736),
butyl 2-(4-(5-trifluoromethyl-2-pyridyloxy)phenoxy)propionate (fluazifopbutyl),
- 15 A3) "Binuclear" heteroaryloxyphenoxyalkanecarboxylic acid derivatives, for example
methyl and ethyl 2-(4-(6-chloro-2-quinoxalyloxy)phenoxy)propionate (quizalofop-methyl and -ethyl),
methyl 2-(4-(6-fluoro-2-quinoxalyloxy)phenoxy)propionate
20 (see J. Pest. Sci. Vol. 10, 61 (1985)),
2-(4-(6-chloro-2-quinoxalyloxy)phenoxy)propionic acid and its 2-isopropylideneaminooxyethyl ester (propaquizafop and its ester),
ethyl 2-(4-(6-chlorobenzoxazol-2-yloxy)phenoxy)propionate
25 (fenoxaprop-ethyl), its D(+) isomer (fenoxaprop-P-ethyl) and
ethyl 2-(4-(6-chlorobenzthiazol-2-yloxy)phenoxy)propionate (see DE-A-2640730),
tetrahydrofur-2-ylmethyl 2-(4-(6-chloroquinoxalyloxy)phenoxy)propionate (see EP-A 323 727),
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- B) herbicides from the sulfonyl urea series, such as, for example, pyrimidine- or triazinylaminocarbonyl[benzene-, pyridine-, pyrazole-, thiophene- and (alkylsulfonyl)-alkylamino]sulfamides. Preferred substituents on the
35 pyrimidine ring or triazine ring are alkoxy, alkyl, haloalkoxy, haloalkyl, halogen or dimethylamino, it being

possible for all substituents to be combined independently of one another. Preferred substituents in the benzene, pyridine, pyrazole, thiophene or (alkylsulfonyl)alkyl-amino moiety are alkyl, alkoxy, halogen, nitro, alkoxy-carbonyl, aminocarbonyl, alkylaminocarbonyl, dialkyl-aminocarbonyl, alkyl, alkylsulfonyl, haloalkoxy, halo-alkyl, alkylcarbonyl, alkoxyalkyl, (alkanesulfonyl)alkyl-amino. Examples of suitable sulfonylureas are

- B1) phenyl and benzylsulfonylureas and related compounds,
 10 for example
 1-(2-chlorophenylsulfonyl)-3-(4-methoxy-6-methyl-1,3,5-triazin-2-yl)urea (chlorosulfuron),
 1-(2-ethoxycarbonylphenylsulfonyl)-3-(4-chloro-6-methoxy-pyrimidin-2-yl)urea (chlorimuron-ethyl),
 15 1-(2-methoxyphenylsulfonyl)-3-(4-methoxy-6-methyl-1,3,5-triazin-2-yl)urea (metsulfuron-methyl),
 1-(2-chloroethoxy-phenylsulfonyl)-3-(4-methoxy-6-methyl-1,3,5-triazin-2-yl)urea (triasulfuron),
 1-(2-methoxycarbonyl-phenylsulfonyl)-3-(4,6-dimethyl-pyrimidin-2-yl)urea (sulfometuron-methyl),
 20 1-(2-methoxycarbonylphenylsulfonyl)-3-(4-methoxy-6-methyl-1,3,5-triazin-2-yl)-3-methylurea (tribenuron-methyl),
 1-(2-methoxycarbonylbenzylsulfonyl)-3-(4,6-dimethoxy-pyrimidin-2-yl)urea (bensulfuron-methyl),
 25 1-(2-methoxycarbonylphenylsulfonyl)-3-(4,6-bis-(difluoromethoxy-pyrimidin-2-yl)urea (primisulfuron-methyl),
 3-(4-ethyl-6-methoxy-1,3,5-triazin-2-yl)-1-(2,3-dihydro-1,1-dioxo-2-methylbenzo[b]thiophene-7-sulfonyl)urea (see
 30 EP-A-79683),
 3-(4-ethoxy-6-ethyl-1,3,5-triazin-2-yl)-1-(2,3-dihydro-1,1-dioxo-2-methylbenzo[b]thiophene-7-sulfonyl)urea (see EP-A-79683),
 3-(4-methoxy-6-methyl-1,3,5-triazin-2-yl)-1-(2-methoxy-carbonyl-5-iodophenylsulfonyl)urea (see WO 92/13845)
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B2) thienylsulfonylureas, for example 1-(2-methoxy-

carbonylthiophen-3-yl)-3-(4-methoxy-6-methyl-1,3,5-triazin-2-yl)urea (thifensulfuron-methyl),

B3) pyrazolylsulfonylureas, for example

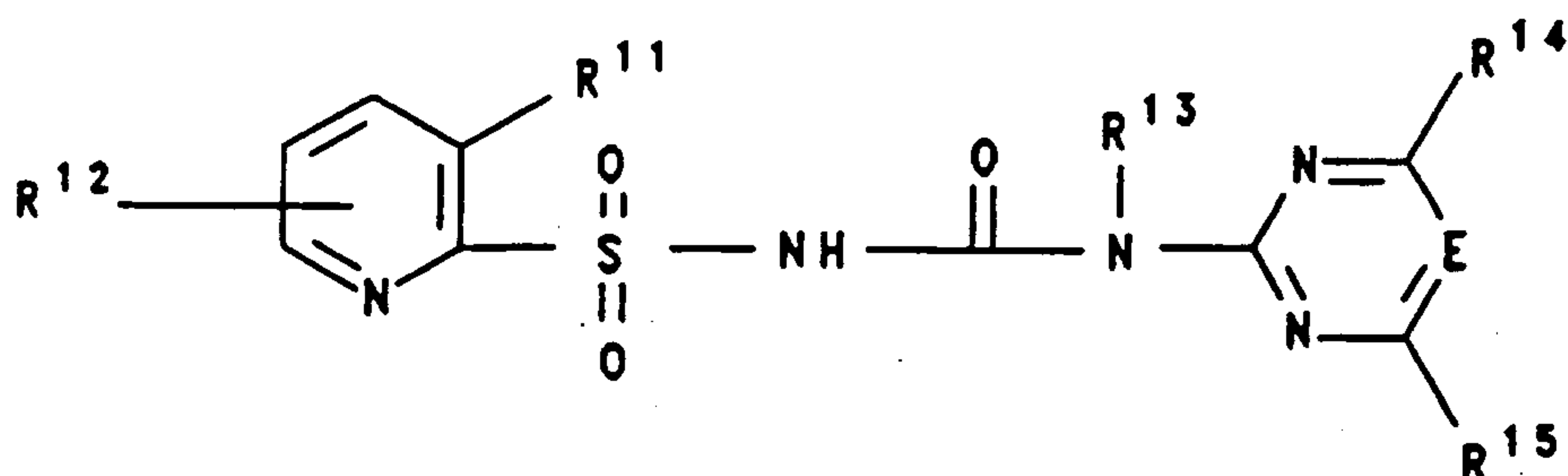
- 1- (4-ethoxycarbonyl-1-methylpyrazol-5-yl-sulfonyl)-3-
 5 (4,6-dimethoxypyrimidin-2-yl)urea (pyrazolsulfuron-methyl),
 methyl 3-chloro-5-(4,6-dimethoxypyrimidin-2-ylcarbamoylsulfamoyl)-1-methyl-pyrazole-4-carboxylate (see EP 282613),
 10 methyl 5-(4,6-dimethylpyrimidin-2-yl)carbamoylsulfamoyl)-1-(2-pyridyl)pyrazole-4-carboxylate (NC-330, see Brighton Crop Prot. Conference - Weeds - 1991, Vol. 1, 45 et seq.),

B4) sulfonediamide derivatives, for example

- 15 3-(4,6-dimethoxypyrimidin-2-yl)-1-(N-methyl-N-methyl-sulfonylamino-sulfonyl)urea
 (amidosulfuron) and structural analogs (see EP-A-0131258 and Z. Pfl. Krankh, Pfl. Schutz 1990, Special Issue XII, 489-497),

- 20 B5) pyridylsulfonylureas, for example

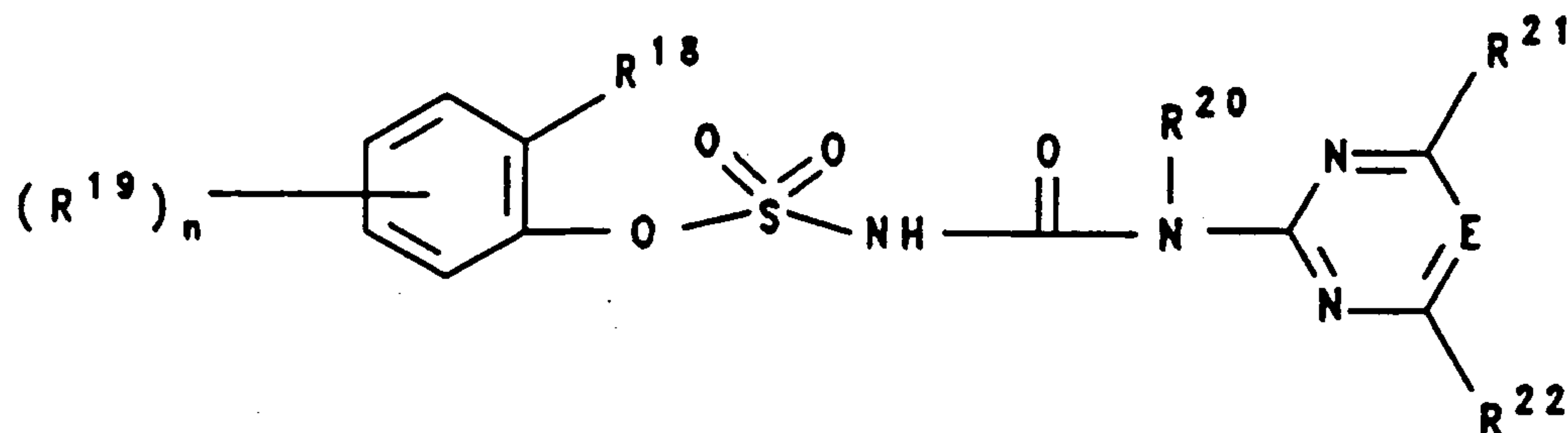
- 1-(3-N,N-dimethylaminocarbonylpyridin-2-yl-sulfonyl)-3-(4,6-dimethoxypyrimidin-2-yl)urea (nicosulfuron),
 1-(3-ethylsulfonylpyridin-2-yl-sulfonyl)-3-(4,6-dimethoxy-pyrimidin-2-yl)urea (DPX-E 9636, see Brighton
 25 Crop Prot. Conf. - Weeds - 1989, p. 23 et seq.),
 pyridylsulfonylureas as they are described in DE-A-4000503 and DE-A-4030577, preferably those of the formula



in which

- E is CH or N, preferably CH,
 R^{11} is iodine or $NR^{16}R^{17}$,
 R^{12} is H, halogen, cyano, C_1 - C_3 -alkyl, C_1 - C_3 -alkoxy, C_1 - C_3 -haloalkyl, C_1 - C_3 -haloalkoxy, C_1 - C_3 -alkylthio, (C_1 - C_3 -alkoxy)- C_1 - C_3 -alkyl, (C_1 - C_3 -alkoxy)carbonyl, mono- or di-(C_1 - C_3 -alkyl)amino, C_1 - C_3 -alkylsulfinyl or -sulfonyl, $SO_2-NR^aR^b$ or $CO-NR^aR^b$, in particular H,
 R^a and R^b independently of one another are H, C_1 - C_3 -alkyl, C_1 - C_3 -alkenyl, C_1 - C_3 -alkynyl or together are $-(CH_2)_4-$, $-(CH_2)_5-$ or $(CH_2)_2-O-(CH_2)_2-$,
 R^{13} is H or CH_3 ,
 R^{14} is halogen, C_1 - C_2 -alkyl, C_1 - C_2 -alkoxy, C_1 - C_2 -haloalkyl, preferably CF_3 , C_1 - C_2 -haloalkoxy, preferably $OCHF_2$ or OCH_2CF_3 ,
 R^{15} is C_1 - C_2 -alkyl, C_1 - C_2 -haloalkoxy, preferably $OCHF_2$, or C_1 - C_2 -alkoxy, and
 R^{16} is C_1 - C_4 -alkyl and
 R^{17} is C_1 - C_4 -alkylsulfonyl or
 R^{16} and R^{17} together are a chain of the formula
 $-(CH_2)_3SO_2-$ or $-(CH_2)_4SO_2-$,
 for example 3-(4,6-dimethoxypyrimidin-2-yl)-1-(3-N-methylsulfonyl-N-methylaminopyridin-2-yl)sulfonylurea, or salts thereof,

B6) alkoxyphenoxysulfonylureas as they are described in EP-A-0342569, preferably those of the formula



in which

- 5 E is CH or N, preferably CH,
 R¹⁸ is ethoxy, propoxy or isopropoxy,
 R¹⁹ is hydrogen, halogen, NO₂, CF₃, CN, C₁-C₄-alkyl, C₁-C₄-alkoxy, C₁-C₄-alkylthio or (C₁-C₃-alkoxy)carbonyl, preferably in the 6-position on the phenyl ring,
 10 n is 1, 2 or 3, preferably 1,
 R²⁰ is hydrogen, C₁-C₄-alkyl or C₃-C₄-alkenyl,
 R²¹ and R²² independently of one another are halogen, C₁-C₂-alkyl, C₁-C₂-alkoxy, C₁-C₂-haloalkyl, C₁-C₂-haloalkoxy or (C₁-C₂-alkoxy)-C₁-C₂-alkyl, preferably OCH₃ or CH₃, for example 3-(4,6-dimethoxypyrimidin-2-yl)-1-(2-ethoxyphenoxy)sulfonylurea, or salts (thereof),
 15 and other related sulfonylurea derivatives and mixtures of these,

- 20 C) chloroacetanilide herbicides, such as
 N-methoxymethyl-2,6-diethylchloroacetanilide (alachlor),
 N-(3'-methoxyprop-2'-yl)-2-methyl-6-ethylchloroacetanilide (metolachlor),
 N-(2,6-dimethyl)-N-(3-methyl-1,2,4-oxadiazol-5-yl-methyl)chloroacetanilide,
 25 methyl)chloroacetanilide,

N-(2,6-dimethylphenyl)-N-(1-pyrazolylmethyl)chloroacetamide (metazachlor),

D) thiocarbamates, such as

S-ethyl N,N-dipropylthiocarbamate (EPTC) or

5 S-ethyl N,N-diisobutylthiocarbamate (butylate),

E) cyclohexanedione derivatives, such as

methyl 3-(1-allyloxyiminobutyl)-4-hydroxy-6,6-dimethyl-2-oxocyclohex-3-enecarboxylate (alloxydim),

10 2-(1-ethoximinobutyl)-5-(2-ethylthiopropyl)-3-hydroxycyclohex-2-en-1-one (sethoxym),

2-(1-ethoximinobutyl)-5-(2-phenylthiopropyl)-3-hydroxycyclohex-2-en-1-one (cloproxym),

2-(1-(3-chloroallyloxy)iminobutyl)-5-[2-(ethylthio)propyl]-3-hydroxycyclohex-2-en-1-one,

15 2-(1-(3-chloroallyloxy)iminopropyl)-5-[2-(ethylthio)propyl]-3-hydroxycyclohex-2-en-1-one (clethodim),

2-(1-(ethoxyimino)butyl)-3-hydroxy-5-(thian-3-yl)cyclohex-2-enone (cycloxydim),

or

20 2-(1-ethoxyiminopropyl)-5-(2,4,6-trimethylphenyl)-3-hydroxycyclohex-2-ene-1-one (tralkoxym),

F) 2-(4-alkyl-5-oxo-2-imidazolin-2-yl)benzoic acid derivatives or 2-(4-alkyl-5-oxo-2-imidazolin-2-yl)heteroarylcarboxylic acid derivatives, such as, for example,

25 methyl 2-(4-isopropyl-4-methyl-5-oxo-2-imidazolin-2-yl)-5-methylbenzoate and

2-(4-isopropyl-4-methyl-5-oxo-2-imidazolin-2-yl)-4-methylbenzoic acid (imazamethabenz),

30 5-ethyl-2-(4-isopropyl-4-methyl-5-oxo-2-imidazolin-2-yl)pyridine-3-carboxylic acid (imazethapyr),

2-(4-isopropyl-4-methyl-5-oxo-2-imidazolin-2-yl)quinoline-3-carboxylic acid (imazaquin),

2-(4-isopropyl)-4-methyl-5-oxo-2-imidazolin-2-ylpyridine-3-carboxylic acid (imazapyr),

35 5-methyl-2-(4-isopropyl-4-methyl-5-oxo-2-imidazolin-2-

yl)pyridine-3-carboxylic acid (imazethamethapyr),

G) triazolopyrimidinesulfonamide derivatives, for example
N-(2,6-difluorophenyl)-7-methyl-1,2,4-triazolo-
(1,5-c)pyrimidine-2-sulfonamide (flumetsulam),

5 N-(2,6-dichloro-3-methylphenyl)-5,7-dimethoxy-1,2,4-
triazolo-(1,5-c)-pyrimidine-2-sulfonamide,

N-(2,6-difluorophenyl)-7-fluoro-5-methoxy-1,2,4-triazolo-
(1,5-c)-pyrimidine-2-sulfonamide,

10 N-(2,6-dichloro-3-methylphenyl)-7-chloro-5-methoxy-1,2,4-
triazolo-(1,5-c)-pyrimidine-2-sulfonamide,

N-(2-chloro-6-methoxycarbonyl)-5,7-dimethyl-1,2,4-tria-
zolo-(1,5-c)-pyrimidine-2-sulfonamide,

(see, for example, EP-A-343 752, US-4 988 812)

H) benzoylcyclohexanedione derivatives, for example

15 2-(2-chloro-4-methylsulfonylbenzoyl)-cyclohexane-1,3-
dione (SC-0051, see EP-A-137963),

2-(2-nitrobenzoyl)-4,4-dimethyl-cyclohexane-1,3-dione
(see EP-A-274634),

20 2-(2-nitro-3-methylsulfonylbenzoyl)-4,4-dimethylcyclohex-
ane-1,3-dione (see WO-91/13548),

J) pyrimidinyloxy pyrimidinecarboxylic acid derivatives
or pyrimidinyloxybenzoic acid derivatives, for example
benzyl 3-(4,6-dimethoxypyrimidin-2-yl)oxypyridine-2-
carboxylate (EP-A-249 707),

25 methyl 3-(4,6-dimethoxypyrimidin-2-yl)oxypyridine-2-
carboxylate (EP-A-249 707),

2,6-bis[(4,6-dimethoxypyrimidin-2-yl)oxy]benzoic acid
(EP-A 321 846),

1-ethoxycarbonyloxyethyl 2,6-bis[(4,6-dimethoxypyrimidin-
30 2-yl)oxy]benzoate (EP-A 472 113), and

K) S-(N-aryl-N-alkylcarbamoylmethyl)dithiophosphoric acid
esters, such as O,O-dimethyl S-[N-(4-chlorophenyl)-N-
isopropylcarbamoylmethyl]dithiophosphate (anilofos).

- The abovementioned herbicides from groups A to K are known to the expert and described, as a rule, in "The Pesticide Manual", British Crop Protection Council, 9th Edition 1991, or 8th Edition 1987, or in "Agricultural Chemicals Book II, Herbicides", by W.T. Thompson, Thompson Publications, Fresno CA, USA 1990 or in "Farm Chemicals Handbook '90", Meister Publishing Company, Willoughby OH, USA 1990. Imazethamethapyr is known from Weed Techn. 1991, Vol. 5, 430-438.
- 10 The herbicidal active substances and the safeners mentioned can be applied together (in the form of a ready-mix or by the tank mix method) or one after the other in any desired sequence. The ratio by weight of safener:herbicide can vary within wide limits and is
- 15 preferably in a range of 1:10 to 10:1, in particular 1:10 to 5:1. The amounts of herbicide and safener which are ideal in each case depend on the type of the herbicide used or on the safener used as well on the nature of the plant stand to be treated and can be determined in each
- 20 individual case by suitable preliminary trials. Analogous ratios can be considered when safeners and other active substances of crop protection products, such as insecticides or insecticide/herbicide combinations, are used.

The safeners are mainly employed in cereal crops (wheat, rye, barley, oats), rice, maize, sorghum, but also in cotton and soyabean, preferably in cereals, rice and maize.

A particular advantage of the safeners of the formula (I) according to the invention is to be found when they are combined with herbicides selected from the group consisting of the sulfonylureas and/or imidazolinones, and with herbicides of the phenoxyphenoxy- and heteroaryloxyphenoxyalkanecarboxylic acid derivative type.

Some herbicides of these structural classes cannot be employed specifically in cereal crops and/or maize and

rice, or not with sufficient selectivity. Outstanding selectivities can be achieved even with these herbicides in cereals, maize and rice when they are combined with the safeners according to the invention.

5 Depending on their properties, the safeners of the formula (I) can be used for pre-treating the seed of the crop plant (seed dressing), or they can be incorporated into the seed furrows prior to sowing, or applied together with the herbicide before or after emergence of
10 the plants. Pre-emergence treatment includes both the treatment of the area under cultivation before sowing and treatment of the area under cultivation where seed has been sown, but growth of the crop plants has not yet taken place. The joint use together with the herbicide,
15 in particular by post-emergence methods, is preferred. Tank mixes or ready-mixes can be employed for this purpose.

Depending on the symptoms and the herbicide used, the application rates of safener required can vary within
20 wide limits and are, as a rule, in the range of 0.001 to 5 kg, preferably 0.005 to 0.5 kg, of active substance per hectare.

The present invention therefore also relates to a method of protecting crop plants against phytotoxic side-effects
25 of pesticides, preferably herbicides, which comprises applying an effective amount of a compound of the formula (I) to the plants, seeds of the plants or the area under cultivation before, after or simultaneously with the pesticide or herbicide.

30 The invention also relates to crop-protecting products which comprise an active substance of the formula (I) and customary formulation auxiliaries, as well as to pesti-
cidal, preferably herbicidal, compositions which comprise an active substance of the formula (I), and a pesticide

or herbicide and formulation auxiliaries which are customarily used in the field of crop protection.

The compounds of the formula (I) and their combinations with one or more of the herbicides mentioned can be formulated in a variety of ways, as determined by the biological and/or chemico-physical parameters. The following possibilities are therefore suitable for formulation: wettable powders (WP), emulsifiable concentrates (EC), water-soluble powders (SP), water-soluble concentrates (SL), concentrated emulsions (EW), such as oil-in-water and water-in-oil emulsions, sprayable solutions or emulsions, capsule suspensions (CS), oil-or water-based dispersions (SC), suspoemulsions, suspension concentrates, dusts (DP), oil-miscible solutions (OL), seed-dressing products, granules (GR) in the form of microgranules, spray granules, coated granules and adsorption granules, granules for soil application or broadcasting, water-soluble granules (SG), water-dispersible granules (WG), ULV formulations, microcapsules and waxes.

These individual types of formulations are known in principle and are described, for example, in: Winnacker-Küchler, "Chemische Technologie" [Chemical Technology], Volume 7, C. Hauser Verlag Munich, 4th Edition, 1986; Wade van Valkenburg, "Pesticide Formulations", Marcel Dekker N.Y., 1973; K. Martens, "Spray Drying Handbook", 3rd Ed. 1979, G. Goodwin Ltd. London.

The formulation auxiliaries required, such as inert materials, surfactants, solvents and other additives, are also known and described, for example, in: Watkins, "Handbook of Insecticide Dust Diluents and Carriers", 2nd Ed., Darland Books, Caldwell N.J.; H.v.Olphen, "Introduction to Clay Colloid Chemistry", 2nd Ed., J. Wiley & Sons, N.Y.; Marsden, "Solvents Guide", 2nd Ed., Interscience, N.Y. 1963; McCutcheon's "Detergents and

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Sisley and Wood, "Encyclopedia of Surface Active Agents",
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5 Oxide Adducts], Wiss. Verlagsgesell., Stuttgart 1976;
Winnacker-Küchler "Chemische Technologie" [Chemical
Technology], Volume 7, C. Hauser Verlag Munich, 4th
Edition, 1986.

10 Combinations with other pesticidally active substances,
fertilizers and/or growth regulators may also be prepared
on the basis of these formulations, for example in the
form of a ready-mix or a tank mix.

Wettable powders are preparations which are uniformly
dispersible in water and which, besides the active
15 substance, also contain wetting agents, for example
polyoxethylated alkylphenols, polyoxethylated fatty
alcohols and fatty amines, fatty alcohol polyglycol ether
sulfates, alkanesulfonates or alkylarylsulfonates, and
dispersing agents, for example sodium lignosulfonate,
20 sodium 2,2'-dinaphthylmethane-6,6'-disulfonate, sodium
dibutyl-naphthalenesulfonate or else sodium oleoylmethyl-
taurate, in addition to a diluent or inert substance.

Emulsifiable concentrates are prepared by dissolving the
active substance in an organic solvent, for example
25 butanol, cyclohexanone, dimethylformamide, xylene or else
higher-boiling aromatics or hydrocarbons, with addition
of one or more emulsifiers. Examples of emulsifiers which
can be used are: calcium alkylarylsulfonates, such as
calcium dodecylbenzenesulfonate, or non-ionic emulsi-
30 fiers, such as fatty acid polyglycol esters, alkylaryl
polyglycol ethers, fatty alcohol polyglycol ethers,
propylene oxide ethylene oxide condensation products (for
example block copolymers), alkyl polyethers, sorbitan
fatty acid esters, polyoxyethylene sorbitan fatty acid
35 esters or polyoxyethylene sorbitol esters.

Dusts are obtained by grinding the active substance with finely divided solid substances, for example talc, natural clays, such as kaolin, bentonite and pyrophyllite, or diatomaceous earth.

5 Granules can be prepared either by spraying the active substance onto adsorptive, granulated inert material or by applying active substance concentrates onto the surface of carriers, such as sand, kaolinites or granulated inert material, by means of binders, for example
10 polyvinyl alcohol, sodium polyacrylate or else mineral oils. Suitable active substances can also be granulated in the manner which is conventional for the production of fertilizer granules, if desired in the form of a mixture with fertilizers.

15 As a rule, the agrochemical preparations contain 0.1 to 99 percent by weight, in particular 0.1 to 95% by weight, of active substances of the formula (I) (antidote) or of the active substance mixture of antidote/herbicide, and
20 1 to 99.9% by weight, in particular 5 to 99.8% by weight, of a solid or liquid additive, and 0 to 25% by weight, in particular 0.1 to 25% by weight, of a surfactant.

The concentration of active substance in wettable powders is, for example, approximately 10 to 90% by weight, the remainder to 100% being composed of customary formulation
25 components. In the case of emulsifiable concentrates, the concentration of active substance is approximately 1 to 80% by weight of active substances. Formulations in the form of dusts contain approximately 1 to 20% by weight of active substances, sprayable solutions approximately 0.2
30 to 20% by weight of active substances. In the case of granules, such as water-dispersible granules, the active substance content depends partly on whether the active compound is in liquid or solid form. As a rule, the water-dispersible granules contain between 10 and 90% by
35 weight of active substance.

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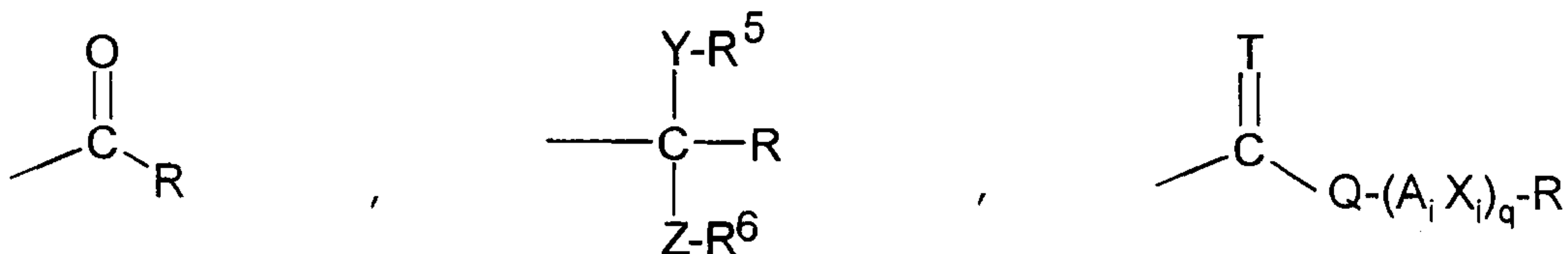
Besides, the active substance formulations mentioned contain, if appropriate, the adhesives, wetting agents, dispersants, emulsifiers, penetrants, solvents, fillers or carriers which are conventional in each case.

5 For use, the formulations, which are in commercially available form, are, if appropriate, diluted in the customary manner, for example using water in the case of wettable powders, emulsifiable concentrates, dispersions and water-dispersible granules. Preparations in the form of
10 dusts, granules and sprayable solutions are conventionally not diluted any further with other inert substances before they are used. The application rate of the antidotes required varies with the external conditions such as, inter alia, temperature, humidity, and the nature of the
15 pesticide or herbicide used.

In one composition aspect, the invention provides a crop protection composition, which comprises as a crop-plant-protecting compound a component of the formula (I) or a salt thereof:

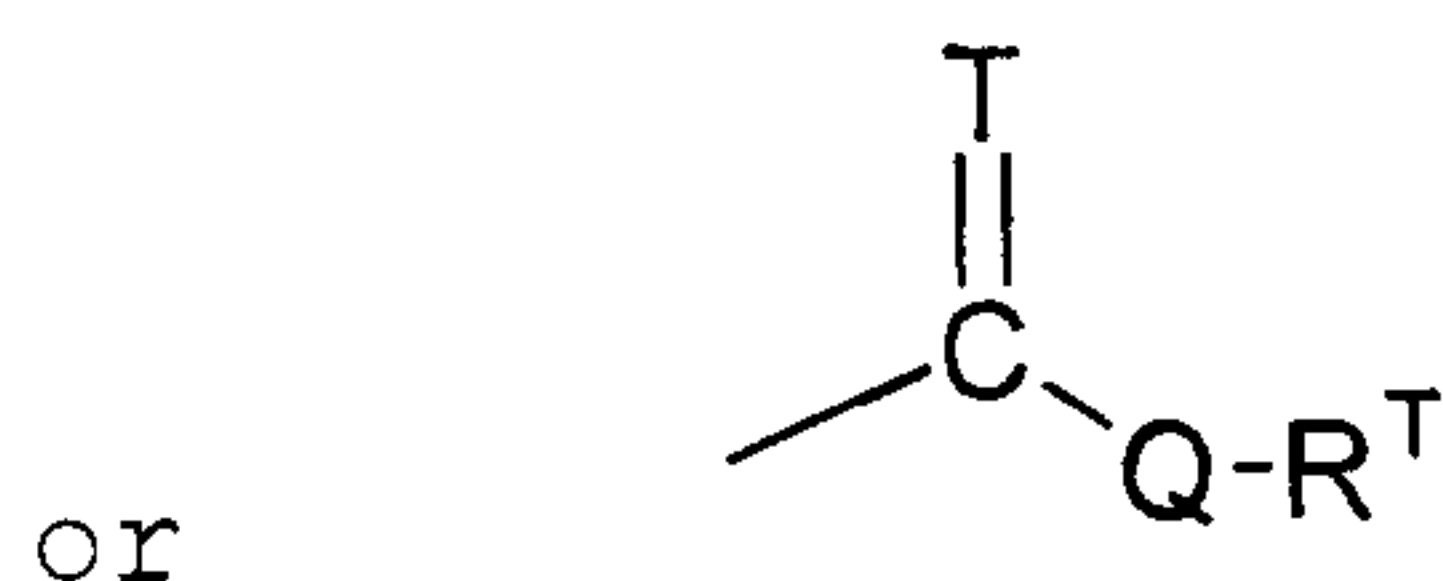


20 wherein: R^1 is an acyl radical of the formula:

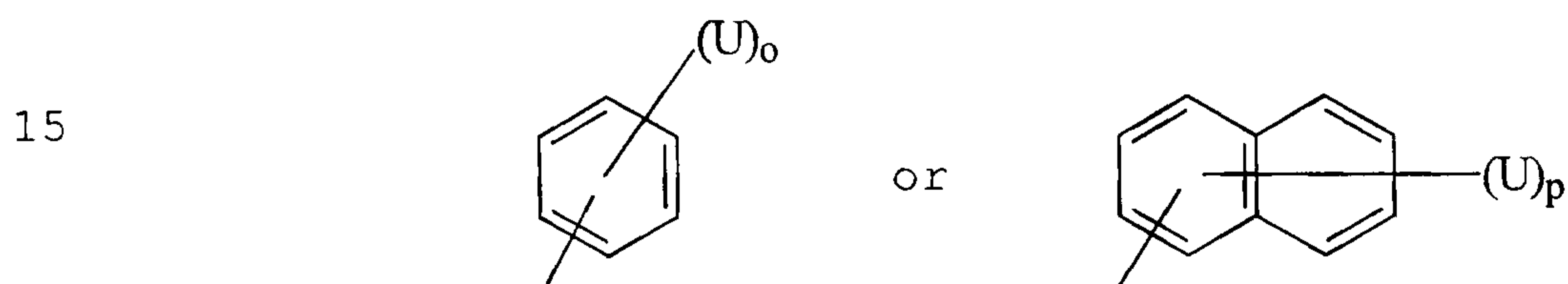


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wherein R, R^T, R⁵, R⁶, Y, T, Z, Q, A_i, X_i and q are as defined further below; R² is H, halogen, C₁-C₄-alkyl, C₃-C₆-
 5 cycloalkyl, C₂-C₄-alkenyl, C₂-C₄-alkinyl, C₁-C₄-alkoxy, C₂-C₄-alkenyloxy, C₂-C₄-alkinyloxy, C₁-C₈-alkylthio, C₂-C₄-alkenylthio, each of the last-mentioned 9 radicals being in each case unsubstituted or substituted by one or more radicals selected from the group consisting of halogen,
 10 nitro, cyano, C₁-C₄-alkoxy and (C₁-C₄-alkoxy)-carbonyl, or is (C₁-C₄-alkoxy)-carbonyl; R³ and R⁴ independently of one another are: C₁-C₁₈-alkyl, C₃-C₁₂-cycloalkyl, C₂-C₈-alkenyl or C₂-C₈-alkinyl, or a radical of the formula:



wherein: (U) are identical or different radicals which, independently of one another, are H, halogen, cyano, nitro, amino or C₁-C₈-haloalkyl, C₁-C₈-haloalkoxy, C₁-C₈-alkyl, C₁-C₈-alkoxy, mono-(C₁-C₄-alkyl)-amino, di-(C₁-C₄-alkyl)-amino,
 20 C₁-C₈-alkylthio or C₁-C₈-alkylsulfonyl, each of the last-mentioned 8 radicals being unsubstituted or substituted by one or more identical or different radicals selected from the group consisting of halogen, C₁-C₈-haloalkoxy, nitro, cyano, hydroxyl, C₁-C₈-alkoxy and a C₁-C₈-alkoxy group, in
 25 which one or more CH₂ groups are replaced with oxygen, and C₁-C₈-alkylthio, C₁-C₆-alkylsulfinyl, C₁-C₆-alkylsulfonyl, C₂-C₈-alkenylthio, C₂-C₈-alkinylthio, C₂-C₈-alkenyloxy, C₂-C₈-

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alkinyloxy, C₃-C₇-cycloalkyl, C₃-C₇-cycloalkoxy, mono- and di-(C₁-C₄-alkyl)-amino and (C₁-C₈-alkoxy)-carbonyl, o is an integer from 1 to 5, and p is an integer from 1 to 7, or are a heteroaryl radical selected from the group consisting of

5 furyl, thienyl, pyrrolyl, pyrazolyl, thiazolyl, oxazolyl, pyridinyl, pyrimidinyl, pyrazinyl, pyridazinyl and quinolinyl, each of which is unsubstituted or substituted by one or more of the radicals defined for U above; R is H, C₁-C₁₈-alkyl, C₃-C₁₂-cycloalkyl, C₂-C₈-alkenyl, C₂-C₈-alkinyl,

10 heterocyclyl, phenyl or heteroaryl, each of the last-mentioned 7 radicals independently of one another being unsubstituted or substituted by one or more radicals selected from the group consisting of: (i) halogen, cyano, thio, nitro, hydroxyl, C₁-C₈-alkyl, the latter only in the

15 case of cyclic radicals, C₁-C₈-haloalkyl, C₁-C₈-alkoxy, C₂-C₈-alkenyloxy, C₂-C₈-alkinyloxy, C₁-C₈-haloalkoxy, C₁-C₈-alkylthio, C₂-C₈-alkenylthio, C₂-C₈-alkinylthio, C₃-C₇-cycloalkyl and C₃-C₇-cycloalkoxy, (ii) radicals of the formulae: -NR^{*}R^{**}, -CO-NR^{*}R^{**} and -O-CO-NR^{*}R^{**}, wherein R^{*} and

20 R^{**} independently of one another are H, C₁-C₈-alkyl, C₂-C₈-alkenyl, C₂-C₈-alkinyl, benzyl, phenyl or substituted phenyl, or together with the N-atom are a 3- to 8-membered heterocycle which can additionally contain up to 2 further hetero atoms selected from the group consisting of N, O and

25 S and which can additionally be substituted by C₁-C₄-alkyl, (iii) (C₁-C₈-alkoxy)-carbonyl, (C₁-C₈-alkoxy)-thiocarbonyl, (C₂-C₈-alkenyloxy)-carbonyl, (C₁-C₈-alkylthio)-carbonyl, (C₂-C₈-alkenylthio)-carbonyl, (C₂-C₈-alkinylthio)-carbonyl, (C₂-C₈-alkinyloxy)-carbonyl, formyl, (C₁-C₈-alkyl)-carbonyl,

30 (C₂-C₈-alkenyl)-carbonyl, (C₂-C₈-alkinyl)-carbonyl, C₁-C₄-alkylimino, C₁-C₄-alkoxyimino, (C₁-C₈-alkyl)-carbonylamino, (C₂-C₈-alkenyl)-carbonylamino, (C₂-C₈-alkinyl)-carbonylamino, (C₁-C₈-alkoxy)-carbonylamino, (C₂-C₈-alkenyloxy)-carbonylamino, (C₂-C₈-alkinyloxy)-carbonylamino

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and (C₁-C₈-alkyl)-amino-carbonylamino, (iv) (C₁-C₆-alkyl)-carbonyloxy, which is unsubstituted or substituted by halogen, NO₂, C₁-C₄-alkoxy or optionally substituted phenyl, (v) (C₂-C₆-alkenyl)-carbonyloxy, (C₂-C₆-alkinyl)-carbonyloxy, (C₁-C₈-alkoxy)-carbonyloxy, (C₂-C₈-alkenyloxy)-carbonyloxy, (C₂-C₈-alkinyloxy)-carbonyloxy and C₁-C₈-alkylsulfonyl, (vi) phenyl, phenyl-C₁-C₆-alkoxy, phenyl-(C₁-C₆-alkoxy)-carbonyl, phenoxy, phenoxy-C₁-C₆-alkoxy, phenoxy-(C₁-C₆-alkoxy)-carbonyl, phenoxycarbonyl, phenylcarbonyloxy, phenylcarbonylamino, phenyl-(C₁-C₆-alkyl)-carbonylamino and phenyl-(C₁-C₆-alkyl)-carbonyloxy, which are unsubstituted or substituted in the phenyl ring by one or more radicals selected from the group consisting of halogen, C₁-C₄-alkyl, C₁-C₄-alkoxy, C₁-C₄-haloalkyl, C₁-C₄-haloalkoxy and nitro, (vii) radicals of the formulae: -SiR'₃, -O-SiR'₃, (R')₃Si-C₁-C₆-alkoxy, -CO-O-NR'₂, -O-N=CR'₂, -N=CR'₂, -O-NR'₂, -CH(OR')₂ and -O-(CH₂)_m-CH(OR')₂, wherein the R' in the formulae independently of one another are H, C₁-C₄-alkyl or phenyl which is unsubstituted or mono- or polysubstituted by radicals selected from the group consisting of halogen, C₁-C₄-alkyl, C₁-C₄-alkoxy, C₁-C₄-haloalkyl, C₁-C₄-haloalkoxy and nitro, or in pairs, are a C₂-C₆-alkylene chain, and m is 0 to 6, and (viii) a substituted alkoxy radical of the formula: R''O-CHR'''CH(OR'')-C₁-C₆-alkoxy, wherein the R'' independently of one another are C₁-C₄-alkyl or together are a C₁-C₆-alkylene group and R''' is H or C₁-C₄-alkyl; R^T is a radical of the formula: -CO-R, -CS-R, -NR^fR^g, -N=CR^hRⁱ or SiR^aR^bR^c, where R is as defined above and R^f, R^g, R^h and Rⁱ independently of one another are hydrogen, C₁-C₄-alkyl, C₂-C₄-alkenyl, C₂-C₄-alkinyl, benzyl, phenyl or phenyl which is mono- or polysubstituted by radicals selected from the group consisting of halogen, C₁-C₄-alkyl, C₁-C₄-alkoxy, C₁-C₄-halogenalkyl, C₁-C₄-halogenalkoxy and nitro, or R^f and R^g together with the nitrogen atom are a 5- or 6-membered

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heterocycle which may contain up to 2 further heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of N, O and S and which may be substituted by C₁-C₄-alkyl, and R^a, R^b and R^c independently of one another are C₁-C₄-alkyl, C₂-C₄-alkenyl, C₂-C₄-alkynyl, phenyl or phenyl which is mono- or polysubstituted by radicals selected from the group consisting of halogen, C₁-C₄-alkyl, C₁-C₄-alkoxy, C₁-C₄-halogenalkyl, C₁-C₄-halogenalkoxy and nitro; Y, Z independently of one another are oxygen, sulfur at its various oxidation levels or -NR^e, R^e being defined analogously to R⁵ or R⁶; R⁵, R⁶ are identical or different and, independently of one another, are H, C₁-C₆-alkyl, C₂-C₆-alkenyl, C₂-C₆-alkynyl or (C₁-C₄-alkyl)-carbonyl, each of the 4 last-mentioned radicals being unsubstituted or substituted by one or more radicals selected from the group consisting of halogen, C₁-C₈-haloalkoxy, nitro, cyano, hydroxyl, C₁-C₈-alkoxy and a C₁-C₈-alkoxy group, in which one or more not directly connected CH₂-groups are replaced by oxygen, and C₁-C₈-alkylthio, C₁-C₆-alkylsulfonyl, C₂-C₈ alkenylthio, C₂-C₈-alkynylthio, C₂-C₈-alkenyloxy, C₂-C₈-alkynyloxy, C₃-C₇-cycloalkyl, C₃-C₇-cycloalkoxy and amino, mono- and di-(C₁-C₄-alkyl)-amino, or formyl or SiR^aR^bR^c, wherein: R^a, R^b and R^c independently of one another are C₁-C₄-alkyl, C₂-C₄-alkenyl, C₂-C₄-alkynyl or unsubstituted or substituted phenyl, or R⁵, R⁶ together are a C₂-C₄-alkylene chain or an C₂-C₄-alkenylene chain; T is O, S, NR⁸, N-OR⁸ or N-O-acyl; Q is O or S; q is an integer from 0 to 4; i is a consecutive number which, in the event that q is not 0, assumes values of all integers from 1 to q, q having the above-mentioned meaning; X_i independently of one another are O, S, NR⁹, N-(A_iX_i)_q-R; A_i independently of one another are unsubstituted or substituted C₁-C₆-alkylene or C₂-C₆-alkenylene; and R⁸, R⁹ independently of one another are H, C₁-C₄-alkyl, C₂-C₄-alkenyl, C₂-C₄-alkynyl, C₃-C₆-cycloalkyl,

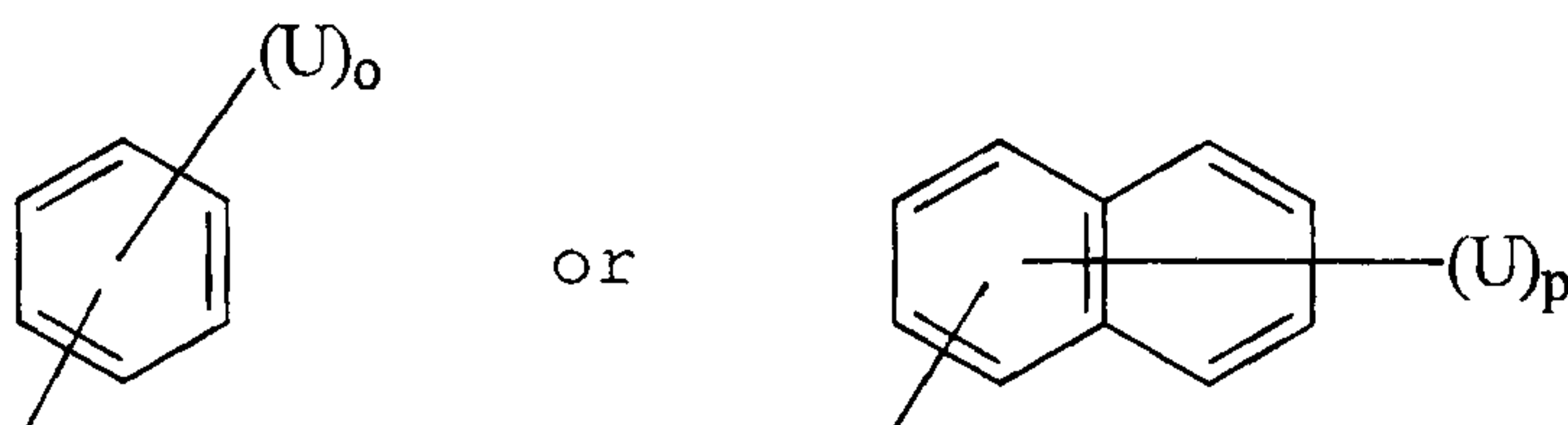
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C₃-C₆-cycloalkenyl or phenyl, and formulation auxiliaries which are customary in crop protection.

In the above composition, for the compound of formula (I): preferably:

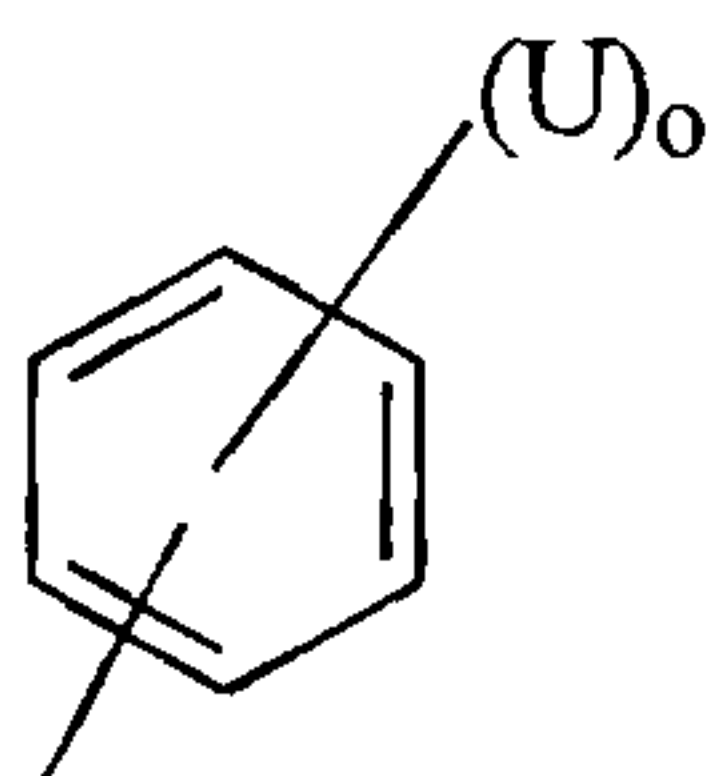
- 5 (i) R² is H, C₁-C₄-alkyl, C₁-C₄-alkoxy or C₅-C₆-cycloalkyl; and at least one of the radicals R³ and R⁴ is a radical of the formula:



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wherein: (U) represents identical or different radicals which independently of one another are H, halogen, cyano, nitro, amino, C₁-C₄-haloalkyl, C₁-C₄-haloalkoxy, C₁-C₄-alkyl, C₁-C₄-alkoxy, mono-(C₁-C₄-alkyl)-amino, di-(C₁-C₄-alkyl)-
 15 amino, C₁-C₄-alkylthio or C₁-C₄-alkylsulfonyl, o is an integer from 1 to 3, and p is an integer from 1 to 3; or at least one of the radicals R³ and R⁴ is a heteroaryl radical selected from the group consisting of thienyl and pyridinyl, each of which is unsubstituted or substituted by one or more
 20 of the radicals defined for U above;

(ii) R³ and R⁴ are the same or different radicals of the formula:



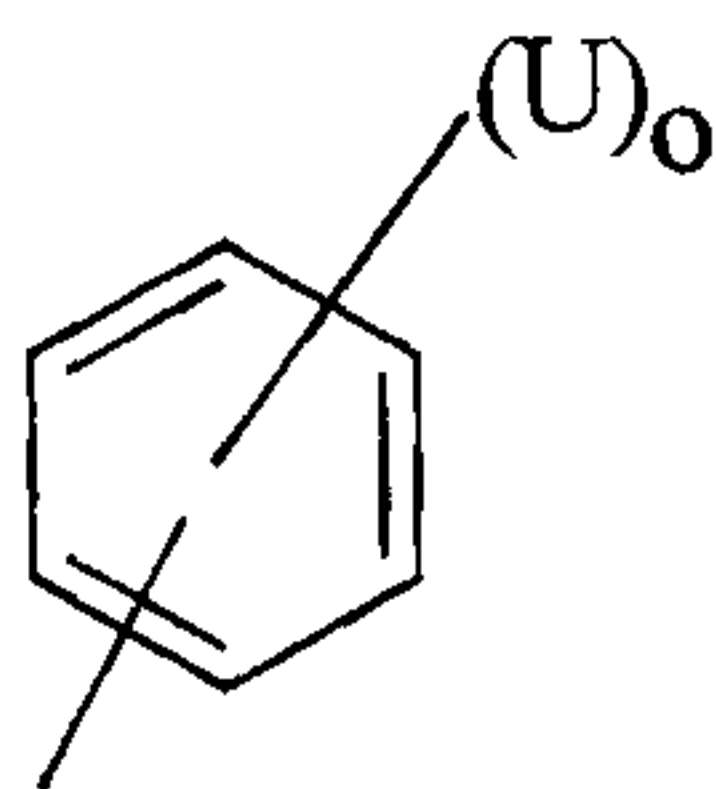
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wherein U and o are as defined above;

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- (iii) R is H, C₁-C₈-alkyl, C₄-C₇-cycloalkyl, C₂-C₈-alkenyl, C₂-C₈-alkinyl, heterocyclyl, phenyl or heteroaryl, each of the last-mentioned 7 radicals independently of one another are unsubstituted or substituted by one or more radicals
- 5 selected from the group consisting of halogen, cyano, thio, nitro, hydroxyl, C₁-C₄-alkyl, the latter only in case of cyclic radicals, C₁-C₄-haloalkyl, C₁-C₄-alkoxy, C₂-C₄-alkenyloxy, C₂-C₄-alkinyloxy, C₁-C₄-haloalkoxy, C₁-C₄-alkylthio, C₂-C₄-alkenylthio, C₂-C₄-alkinylthio, C₅-C₆-
- 10 cycloalkyl, C₅-C₆-cycloalkoxy, amino, mono- and di-(C₁-C₄-alkyl)-amino, (C₁-C₆-alkoxy)-carbonyl, and radicals of the formulae -SiR'₃, -O-NR'₂, -O-N=CR'₂, -N=CR'₂, wherein the R' in the formulae independently of one another are H, C₁-C₂-alkyl or phenyl, or in pairs are a C₂-C₅-alkylene chain;
- 15 (iv) R³, R⁴ independently of one another are identical or different radicals of the formula:



- 20 and R is H, C₁-C₈-alkyl, C₄-C₇-cycloalkyl, C₂-C₈-alkenyl or C₂-C₈-alkinyl, heterocyclyl, phenyl or heteroaryl, each of the last-mentioned 7 radicals independently of one another are unsubstituted or substituted by one or more radicals selected from the group consisting of halogen, cyano, thio,
- 25 nitro, hydroxy, C₁-C₄-alkyl, the latter in the case of cyclic radicals only, C₁-C₄-haloalkyl, C₁-C₄-alkoxy, C₂-C₄-alkenyloxy, C₂-C₄-alkinyloxy, C₁-C₄-haloalkoxy, C₁-C₄-alkylthio, C₂-C₄-alkenylthio, C₂-C₄-alkinylthio, C₅-C₆-cycloalkyl, C₅-C₆-cycloalkoxy, amino, mono- and di-(C₁-C₄-
- 30 alkyl)-amino, (C₁-C₆-alkoxy)-carbonyl, and radicals of the formulae -SiR'₃, -O-NR'₂, -O-N=CR'₂, and -N=CR'₂, wherein the

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R' in the formulae independently of one another are H, C₁-C₂-alkyl or phenyl, or in pairs, are a C₂-C₅-alkylene chain;

(v) R is H, C₁-C₈-alkyl, C₅-C₆-cycloalkyl, C₂-C₈-alkenyl or C₂-C₈-alkynyl, wherein each of the last-mentioned 4 radicals
 5 independently of one another are unsubstituted or substituted by one or more radicals selected from the group consisting of halogen, cyano, nitro, C₁-C₄-alkoxy, C₂-C₄-alkenyloxy, C₂-C₄-alkynyloxy, C₅-C₆-cycloalkyl, C₅-C₆-cycloalkoxy, mono- and di-(C₁-C₄-alkyl)-amino, and radicals of the formulae -SiR'₃,
 10 -O-NR'₂, -O-N=CR'₂ and -N=CR'₂, in which the R' in the formulae independently of one another are H, C₁-C₂-alkyl or phenyl, or in pairs, are a C₂-C₅-alkylene chain; and

(vi) R¹ is a radical of the formula: -C(=T)-Q-(A_iX_i)_q-R; R² is hydrogen; T is O or NR⁸; Q is O; q is an integer of from 0 to
 15 4; i is a consecutive number which, in the event that q is not 0, assumes values of all integers from 1 to q, q having the above-mentioned meaning; X_i independently of one another are O, S, NR⁹, N-(A_iX_i)_q-R; A_i independently of one another are C₁-C₄-alkylene or C₂-C₄-alkenylene; and R⁸, R⁹ independently of
 20 one another are H, C₁-C₄-alkyl, C₂-C₄-alkenyl, C₂-C₄-alkynyl or C₅-C₆-cycloalkyl.

In a compound aspect, the invention provides a compound of the formula (I), or a salt thereof, as defined above, with the exception of 3-carbethoxy-5-methyl-5-vinyl-
 25 isoxazoline.

In the above compounds, preferably:

(i) R¹ is a group of the formula -CO-OR, wherein: R is hydrogen, C₁-C₄-alkyl, C₂-C₄-alkenyl, C₂-C₄-alkynyl, C₁-C₄-haloalkyl, hydroxy-C₁-C₄-alkyl, C₁-C₄-alkoxy-C₁-C₄-alkyl,
 30 C₁-C₄-alkylthio-C₁-C₄-alkyl or phenyl which is unsubstituted or substituted by one or more radicals selected from the

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- group consisting of halogen, hydroxyl, C₁-C₄-alkyl, C₁-C₄-alkoxy, C₁-C₄-alkylthio and (C₁-C₄-alkoxy)-carbonyl; R² is hydrogen; R³ is phenyl which is unsubstituted or substituted by one or more radicals selected from the group consisting
- 5 of halogen, C₁-C₄-alkyl, C₁-C₄-haloalkyl, C₁-C₄-alkoxy, di-(C₁-C₄-alkyl)-amino and (C₁-C₄-alkoxy)-carbonyl; and R⁴ is phenyl which is unsubstituted or substituted by one or more radicals selected from the group consisting of halogen, C₁-C₄-alkyl, C₁-C₄-haloalkyl and C₁-C₄-alkoxy;
- 10 (ii) R is hydrogen, C₁-C₄-alkyl, C₁-C₄-haloalkyl, hydroxy-C₁-C₄-alkyl, C₁-C₄-alkoxy-C₁-C₄-alkyl, C₁-C₄-alkylthio-C₁-C₄-alkyl or phenyl which is unsubstituted or substituted by halogen; R³ is phenyl which is unsubstituted or substituted by one or more radicals selected from the group consisting
- 15 of halogen, C₁-C₄-alkyl, C₁-C₄-haloalkyl, C₁-C₄-alkoxy and (C₁-C₄-alkoxy)-carbonyl; and R⁴ is phenyl which is unsubstituted or substituted by one or more radicals selected from the group consisting of halogen, C₁-C₄-alkyl, C₁-C₄-haloalkyl and C₁-C₄-alkoxy;
- 20 (iii) R¹ is a group of the formula -CO-OR, wherein: R is hydrogen or C₁-C₄-alkyl; R² is hydrogen; R³ is phenyl; and R⁴ is phenyl;
- (iv) R is methyl, ethyl, n-propyl, isopropyl or n-butyl; R³ is phenyl; and R⁴ is phenyl; and
- 25 (v) R is ethyl; R³ is phenyl; and R⁴ is phenyl.

Examples which follow are intended to illustrate the invention:

A. Formulation examples

- a) A dust is obtained by mixing 10 parts by weight of a
- 30 compound of the formula (I) or of an active substance

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mixture of a herbicide and a compound of the formula (I) and 90 parts by weight of talc as inert substance and comminuting the mixture in a hammer mill.

b) A wettable powder which is readily dispersible in water
5 is obtained by mixing 25 parts by weight of a compound of the formula (I) or of an active substance mixture of a herbicide and a safener of the formula (I), 64 parts by weight of kaolin-containing quartz as inert substance, 10 parts by weight of potassium lignosulfonate and 1 part by
10 weight of sodium oleoylmethyltaurate as wetting and dispersing agent, and grinding the mixture in a pinned-disc

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mill.

- c) A dispersion concentrate which is readily dispersible in water is obtained by mixing 20 parts by weight of a compound of the formula (I) or of an active substance mixture of a herbicide and a safener of the formula (I), 6 parts by weight of alkylphenol polyglycol ether (Triton[®] X 207), 3 parts by weight of isotridecanol polyglycol ether (8 EO) and 71 parts by weight of paraffinic mineral oil (boiling range for example approximately 255 to above 277°C), and grinding the mixture in a ball mill to a fineness of below 5 microns.
- d) An emulsifiable concentrate is obtained from 15 parts by weight of a compound of the formula (I) or an active compound mixture of a herbicide and a safener of the formula (I), 75 parts by weight of cyclohexanone as solvent and 10 parts by weight of ethoxylated nonylphenol as emulsifier.
- e) Water-dispersible granules are obtained by mixing 75 parts by weight of a compound of the formula (I) or of an active substance mixture of a herbicide and a safener of the formula (I),
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| 10 | " | of calcium lignosulfonate, |
| 25 | 5 | " of sodium lauryl sulfate, |
| | 3 | " of polyvinyl alcohol and |
| | 7 | " of kaolin, |
- grinding the mixture in a pinned-disc mill, and granulating the powder in a fluidized bed by spraying on water as granulation liquid.
- f) Water-dispersible granules are also obtained by homogenizing and precomminuting 25 parts by weight of a compound of the formula (I) or of an active substance mixture of a herbicide and a

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		safener of the formula (I),
5	"	of sodium 2,2'-dinaphthylmetha-
		ne-6,6'-disulfonate,
2	"	of sodium oleoylmethyltaurate,
5	1	"
		of polyvinyl alcohol,
	17	"
		of calcium carbonate and
	50	"
		of water
		in a colloid mill, subsequently grinding the mixture
		in a bead mill, and atomizing and drying the
10		resulting suspension in a spray tower by means of a
		single-substance nozzle.

B. Preparation examples

1. Ethyl 5,5-diphenyl-2-isoxazoline-3-carboxylate

13.52 g (0.075 mol) of 1,1-diphenylethene and 5.06 g
(0.05 mol) of triethylamine are dissolved in 200 ml
5 of ether at 0°C, and 7.58 g (0.05 mol) of ethyl 2-
chloro-2-hydroximinoacetate, dissolved in 100 ml of
ether, are subsequently added dropwise in the course
of approximately two hours. After stirring has been
continued for one hour at room temperature, 100 ml
10 of H₂O are added, and the mixture is subsequently
extracted using ether. After drying over a MgSO₄,
the ether is distilled off and the residue is puri-
fied over a silica gel column (eluent: n-hep-
tane:ethyl acetate = 8:2). In this way, 12.7 g (86%
15 of theory) of product of melting point 78 to 81°C
are obtained.

The compounds of Table 1 below are obtained analogously
to Example 1 or to the methods described further above.

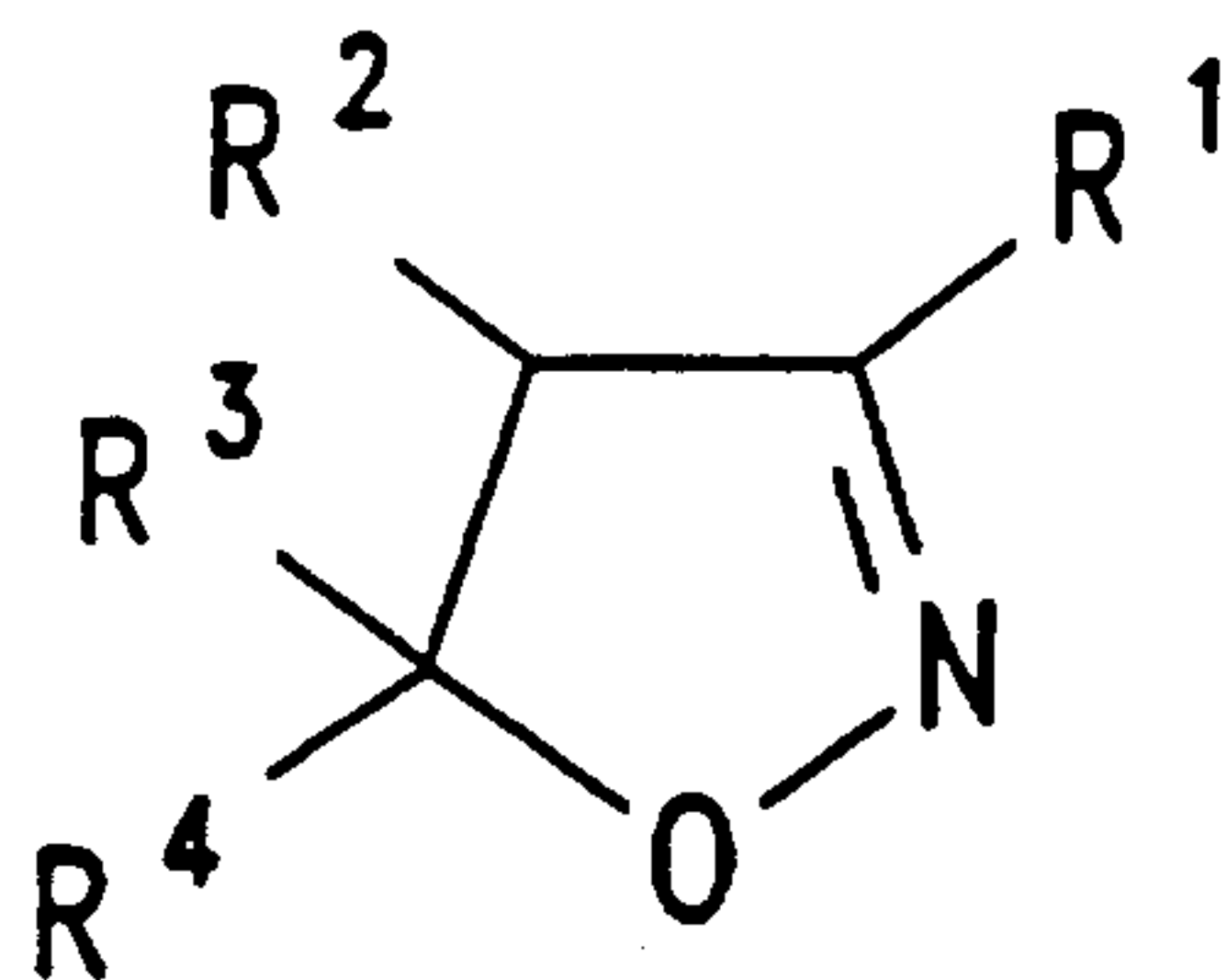
Abbreviations in Table 1:

20 Me = methyl
Bu = butyl

i-, s-, t-, c-alkyl = iso-, secondary, tertiary or cyclo-
alkyl

M.p. = melting point (in °C)

Table 1:



(I)

Ex.	R ¹	R ²	R ³	R ⁴	M.p.
2	-COOCH ₃	H	C ₆ H ₅	C ₆ H ₅	122-124°C
3	-COO-n-C ₃ H ₇	H	C ₆ H ₅	C ₆ H ₅	64-66°C
4	-COO-n-C ₄ H ₉	H	C ₆ H ₅	C ₆ H ₅	oil
5	-COO-n-C ₅ H ₁₁	H	C ₆ H ₅	C ₆ H ₅	oil
6	-COO ⁻ Na ⁺	H	C ₆ H ₅	C ₆ H ₅	210-212°C (Z)
7	-COO ⁻ N(CH ₃) ₄ ⁺	H	C ₆ H ₅	C ₆ H ₅	116°C (Z)
8	-COOCH ₂ CH ₂ Cl	H	C ₆ H ₅	C ₆ H ₅	70°C
9	-COOCH ₂ CH ₂ OCH ₃	H	C ₆ H ₅	C ₆ H ₅	oil
10	-COO-i-C ₃ H ₇	H	C ₆ H ₅	C ₆ H ₅	
11	-COO-i-C ₄ H ₉	H	C ₆ H ₅	C ₆ H ₅	oil
12	-COO-s-C ₄ H ₉	H	C ₆ H ₅	C ₆ H ₅	oil
13	-COO-C(CH ₃) ₁₃	H	C ₆ H ₅	C ₆ H ₅	oil
14	-COO-n-C ₆ H ₁₃	H	C ₆ H ₅	C ₆ H ₅	oil
15	-COO-n-C ₈ H ₁₇	H	C ₆ H ₅	C ₆ H ₅	oil
16	-COOCH ₂ SCH ₃	H	C ₆ H ₅	C ₆ H ₅	oil
17	-COOCH ₂ -CH=CH ₂	H	C ₆ H ₅	C ₆ H ₅	55-57°C
18	-COOH	H	C ₆ H ₅	C ₆ H ₅	85-90°C
19	-COOC ₂ H ₅	CH ₃	C ₆ H ₅	C ₆ H ₅	

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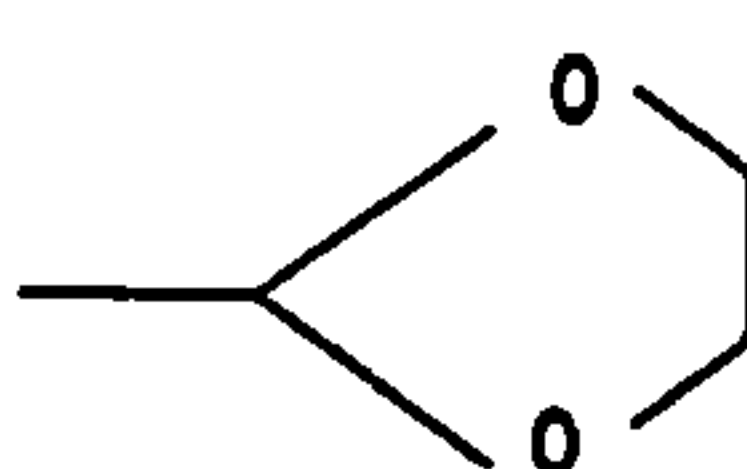
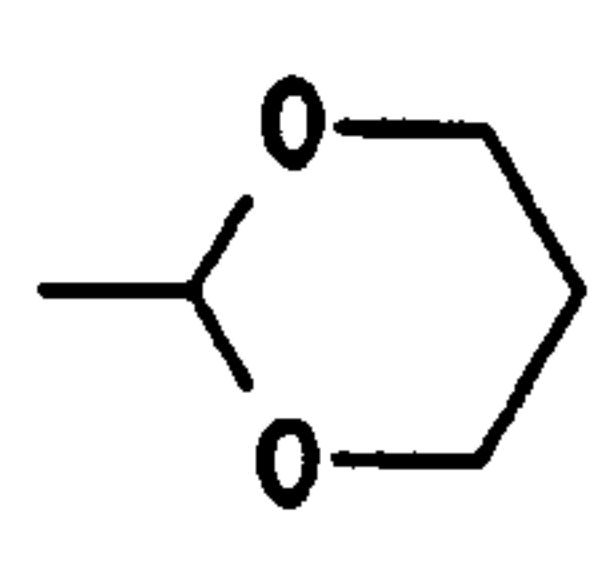
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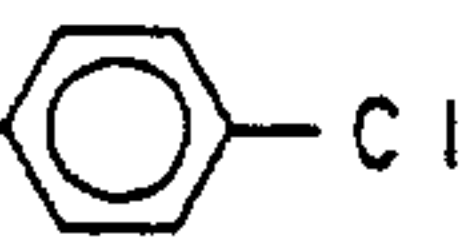
Ex.	R ¹	R ²	R ³	R ⁴	M.p.
20	-COOC ₂ H ₅	-C ₂ H ₅	C ₆ H ₅	C ₆ H ₅	
21	-COO-n-C ₄ H ₉	cyclo-C ₃ H ₄	C ₆ H ₅	C ₆ H ₅	
22	-COOCH ₃	cyclo-C ₆ H ₁₁	C ₆ H ₅	C ₆ H ₅	
23	-COOC ₂ H ₅	-CH ₂ -CH=CH ₂	C ₆ H ₅	C ₆ H ₅	82°C
24	-COOC ₂ H ₅	-CH ₂ CH ₂ CN	C ₆ H ₅	C ₆ H ₅	
25	-COO-C ₂ H ₅	-COOC ₂ H ₅	C ₆ H ₅	C ₆ H ₅	
26	-COOC ₂ H ₅	-OC ₂ H ₅	C ₆ H ₅	C ₆ H ₅	
27	-COOC ₂ H ₅	-S-CH ₃	C ₆ H ₅	C ₆ H ₅	
28	-COOCH ₃	-CH ₂ COOCH ₃	C ₆ H ₅	C ₆ H ₅	
29	-COOCH ₂ C ₆ H ₅	H	C ₆ H ₅	C ₆ H ₅	oil
30	-COOC ₆ H ₅	H	C ₆ H ₅	C ₆ H ₅	oil
31	-COOCH ₂ CH ₂ - C ₆ H ₅	H	C ₆ H ₅	C ₆ H ₅	
32	-COOC ₂ H ₅	H	2-Cl-C ₆ H ₄	C ₆ H ₅	
33	-COOC ₂ H ₅	H	3-Cl-C ₆ H ₄	C ₆ H ₅	oil
34	-COOC ₂ H ₅	H	4-Cl-C ₆ H ₄	C ₆ H ₅	oil
35	-COOC ₂ H ₅	H	2-F-C ₆ H ₄	C ₆ H ₅	
36	-COOC ₂ H ₅	H	3-F-C ₆ H ₄	C ₆ H ₅	
37	-COOC ₂ H ₅	H	4-F-C ₆ H ₄	C ₆ H ₅	oil
38	-COOC ₂ H ₅	H	4-Cl-C ₆ H ₄	4-Cl-C ₆ H ₄	oil
39	-COOC ₂ H ₅	H	4-Cl-C ₆ H ₄	2-Cl-C ₆ H ₄	
40	-COOC ₂ H ₅	H	4-Cl-C ₆ H ₄	3-Cl-C ₆ H ₄	
41	-COOC ₂ H ₅	H	4-Br-C ₆ H ₄	C ₆ H ₅	
42	-COOC ₂ H ₅	H	4-Br-C ₆ H ₄	4-Cl-C ₆ H ₄	oil
43	-COOC ₂ H ₅	H	4-CF ₃ -C ₆ H ₄	C ₆ H ₅	oil

REPLACEMENT SHEET (RULE 26)

Ex.	R ¹	R ²	R ³	R ⁴	M.p.
44	-COOC ₂ H ₅	H	4-CH ₃ -C ₆ H ₄	C ₆ H ₅	
45	-COOC ₂ H ₅	H	4-CH ₃ C ₆ H ₄	4-Cl-C ₆ H ₄	oil
46	-COOC ₂ H ₅	H	2,4-di-Cl-C ₆ H ₃	C ₆ H ₅	oil
47	-COOC ₂ H ₅	H	3,4-di-Cl-C ₆ H ₃	C ₆ H ₅	oil
48	-COOC ₂ H ₅	H	2,5-di-Cl-C ₆ H ₃	C ₆ H ₅	
49	-COOC ₂ H ₅	H	3,5-di-Cl-C ₆ H ₃	C ₆ H ₅	
50	-COOC ₂ H ₅	H	2,6-di-Cl-C ₆ H ₃	C ₆ H ₅	
51	COOC ₂ H ₅	H	4-NO ₂ -C ₆ H ₄	C ₆ H ₅	
52	COOC ₂ H ₅	H	4-CN-C ₆ H ₄	C ₆ H ₅	
53	COOC ₂ H ₅	H	4-COOCH ₃ -C ₆ H ₄	C ₆ H ₅	
54	COOC ₂ H ₅	H	4-OCH ₃ -C ₆ H ₄	C ₆ H ₅	120°C
55	COO-n-C ₃ H ₇	H	4-F-C ₆ H ₄	C ₆ H ₅	oil
56	COO-n-C ₃ H ₇	H	4-Cl-C ₆ H ₄	C ₆ H ₅	oil
57	COO-n-C ₄ H ₉	H	4-F-C ₆ H ₄	C ₆ H ₅	oil
58	COO-n-C ₄ H ₉	H	4-Cl-C ₆ H ₄	C ₆ H ₅	oil
59	COO-n-C ₅ H ₁₁	H	4-F-C ₆ H ₄	C ₆ H ₅	oil
60	COO-n-C ₅ H ₁₁	H	4-Cl-C ₆ H ₄	C ₆ H ₅	oil
61	COO-n-C ₆ H ₁₃	H	4-Cl-C ₆ H ₄	C ₆ H ₅	oil
62	COO-CH ₂ CH ₂ Cl	H	4-Cl-C ₆ H ₄	C ₆ H ₅	oil
63	COO-CH ₂ CH ₂ - OCH ₃	H	4-Cl-C ₆ H ₄	C ₆ H ₅	
64	COOCH(CH ₃)- CH ₂ (CH ₂) ₃ CH ₃	H	4-Cl-C ₆ H ₄	C ₆ H ₅	
65	COO-CH ₂ C ₆ H ₅	H	4-Cl-C ₆ H ₄	C ₆ H ₅	
66	COOH	H	4-Cl-C ₆ H ₄	C ₆ H ₅	86-87°C

Ex.	R ¹	R ²	R ³	R ⁴	M.p.
67	COO ⁻ Na ⁺	H	4-Cl-C ₆ H ₄	C ₆ H ₅	
68	COO ⁻ K ⁺	H	4-F-C ₆ H ₄	C ₆ H ₅	
69	COOC ₂ H ₅	H	C ₆ H ₅	CH ₃	oil
70	COOCH ₃	H	C ₆ H ₅	CH ₃	
71	COOC ₂ H ₅	H	C ₆ H ₅	CH(CH ₃) ₂	
72	COOC ₂ H ₅	H	C ₆ H ₅	C(CH ₃) ₃	oil
73	COOC ₂ H ₅	H	4-Cl-C ₆ H ₄	C(CH ₃) ₃	
74	COO-n-C ₃ H ₇	H	C ₆ H ₅	C(CH ₃) ₃	
75	COO-n-C ₄ H ₉	H	C ₆ H ₅	C(CH ₃) ₃	
76	COO-n-C ₅ H ₁₁	H	C ₆ H ₅	C(CH ₃) ₃	
77	COO-n-C ₆ H ₁₃	H	C ₆ H ₅	C(CH ₃) ₃	
78	COO-CH ₂ CH ₂ - OCH ₃	H	C ₆ H ₅	C(CH ₃) ₃	
79	COO-C ₂ H ₅	H	C ₆ H ₅	CH ₂ C(CH ₃) ₃	
80	COO-C ₂ H ₅	H	C ₆ H ₅	CH ₂ Si(CH ₃) ₃	
81	COOC ₂ H ₅	H	C ₆ H ₅	cyclo-C ₅ H ₉	oil
82	COOC ₂ H ₅	H	C ₆ H ₅	cyclo-C ₆ H ₁₁	oil
83	COOC ₂ H ₅	H	C ₆ H ₅	cyclo-C ₃ H ₄	oil
84	COO-n-C ₃ H ₇	H	C ₆ H ₅	cyclo-C ₆ H ₁₁	
85	COO-n-C ₄ H ₉	H	C ₆ H ₅	cyclo-C ₆ H ₁₁	
86	COO-n-C ₅ H ₁₁	H	C ₆ H ₅	cyclo-C ₆ H ₁₁	
87	-COOC ₂ H ₅	H	cyclo-C ₆ H ₁₁	CH ₃	
88	-COOC ₂ H ₅	H	cyclo-C ₆ H ₁₁	C(CH ₃) ₃	
89	-COOC ₂ H ₅	H	cyclo-C ₆ H ₁₁	cyclo-C ₆ H ₁₁	
90	-COOC ₂ H ₅	H	C ₆ H ₅	2-pyridyl	

Ex.	R ¹	R ²	R ³	R ⁴	M.p.
91	-COOC ₂ H ₅	H	C ₆ H ₅	3-pyridyl	oil
92	-COOC ₂ H ₅	H	C ₆ H ₅	4-pyridyl	oil
93	-COOC ₂ H ₅	H	C ₆ H ₅	2-thienyl	oil
94	-COOC ₂ H ₅	H	C ₆ H ₅	3-thienyl	oil
95	-COOC ₂ H ₅	H	C ₆ H ₅	2-Cl-3-pyridyl	oil
96	-COOC ₂ H ₅	H	C ₆ H ₅	6-Cl-3-pyridyl	
97	-COOC ₂ H ₅	H	4-Cl-C ₆ H ₄	3-pyridyl	
98	-COOC ₂ H ₅	H	3-Cl-C ₆ H ₄	3-pyridyl	
99	-COOC ₂ H ₅	H	2-Cl-C ₆ H ₄	3-pyridyl	
100	-COOH	H	C ₆ H ₅	3-pyridyl	
101	-COCH ₃	H	C ₆ H ₅	C ₆ H ₅	
102	-COCH ₃	H	C ₆ H ₅	cyclo-C ₆ H ₁₁	
103	-CHO	H	C ₆ H ₅	C ₆ H ₅	
104	-CHO	H	C ₆ H ₅	cyclo-C ₆ H ₁₁	
105	-CHO	H	C ₆ H ₅	C(CH ₃) ₃	
106	-CH(OCH ₃) ₂	H	C ₆ H ₅	C ₆ H ₅	
107	-CH(OC ₂ H ₅) ₂	H	C ₆ H ₅	C ₆ H ₅	
108		H	C ₆ H ₅	C ₆ H ₅	
109		H	C ₆ H ₅	C ₆ H ₅	
110	-C(OCH ₃) ₂ -CH ₃	H	C ₆ H ₅	C ₆ H ₅	

Ex.	R ¹	R ²	R ³	R ⁴	M.p.
111	-COCF ₃	H	C ₆ H ₅	C ₆ H ₅	
112	-COCF ₃	H	C ₆ H ₅	C(CH ₃) ₃	
113	-COCF ₃	H	C ₆ H ₅	cyclo-C ₆ H ₁₁	
114	-COCCl ₃	H	C ₆ H ₅	C ₆ H ₅	
115	-COCHCl ₂	H	C ₆ H ₅	C ₆ H ₅	
116	-COCHCl ₂	H	C ₆ H ₅	C(CH ₃) ₃	
117	-COCHCl ₂	H	C ₆ H ₅	cyclo-C ₆ H ₁₁	
118	-COCHF ₂	H	C ₆ H ₅	C ₆ H ₅	
119	-COCHF ₂	H	C ₆ H ₅	3-pyridyl	
120	-COO- CH(CH ₃)CH ₂ - OCH ₃	H	C ₆ H ₅	C ₆ H ₅	oil
121	-COOH	H	4-F-C ₆ H ₄	4-F-C ₆ H ₄	130-134°C
122	-COOH	H	4-F-C ₆ H ₄	C ₆ H ₅	135-140°C
123	-COOC ₂ H ₅	H	-COOCH(CH ₃)- C ₂ H ₅	C ₆ H ₅	oil
124	-CONH- 	H	-C ₆ H ₅	C ₆ H ₅	212-215°C
125	-COOC ₂ H ₅	H	-COOC ₂ H ₅	C ₆ H ₅	oil
126	-COOCH ₂ CO- OC ₂ H ₅	H	-C ₆ H ₅	C ₆ H ₅	oil
127	-	-	-	-	-
128	-	-	-	-	-
129	-	-	-	-	-
130	-	-	-	-	-

Ex.	R ¹	R ²	R ³	R ⁴	M.p.
131	-	-	-	-	-
132	-COOC ₄ H ₉ (n)	H	-C ₆ H ₅	-2-CH ₃ C ₆ H ₄	oil
133	-COOCH ₂ - CH ₂ OC ₂ H ₅	H	-C ₆ H ₅	C ₆ H ₅	oil
5 134	-COOC ₂ H ₅	H	4-F-C ₆ H ₄	4-F-C ₆ H ₄	oil
135	-COOC ₄ H ₉ (n)	H	4-F-C ₆ H ₄	4-F-C ₆ H ₄	oil
136	-CON(CH ₃) ₂	H	-C ₆ H ₅	-C ₆ H ₅	105-107°C
137	-CONHCH ₃	H	-C ₆ H ₅	-C ₆ H ₅	110-112°C
138	-CONH ₂	H	-C ₆ H ₅	-C ₆ H ₅	185-187°C
10 139	-COOCH ₂ CH ₂ OH	H	-C ₆ H ₅	-C ₆ H ₅	102-103°C
140	-COOC ₂ H ₅	H	-4-OCH ₃ -C ₆ H ₄	-4-F-C ₆ H ₄	135-140°C
141	CO ₂ Et	H	4-NMe ₂ -C ₆ H ₄	C ₆ H ₄	oil
142	CO ₂ Et	H	4-F-C ₆ H ₄	2-F-C ₆ H ₄	oil
143	CO ₂ Et	H	4-Cl-C ₆ H ₄	4-t-Bu-C ₆ H ₄	86°C
15 144	CO ₂ Et	H	4-F-C ₆ H ₄	2-Cl-C ₆ H ₄	oil
145	CO ₂ Et	H	4-F-C ₆ H ₄	2,3,4-Cl ₃ - C ₆ H ₂	88°C
146	CO ₂ Et	H	4-F-C ₆ H ₄	3,4-Cl ₂ - C ₆ H ₃	oil ¹⁾
147	CO ₂ Et	H	2,4-F ₂ -C ₆ H ₄	C ₆ H ₅	oil
148	CO ₂ Et	H	4-F-C ₆ H ₄	2-CH ₃ -C ₆ H ₄	oil ²⁾
20 149	CO ₂ Et	H	4-F-2-Cl-C ₆ H ₃	C ₆ H ₅	oil
150	CO ₂ Et	H	4-Cl-2-F-C ₆ H ₄	C ₆ H ₅	oil

Refractive indices of Ex. 146, 148:

1) $n_D^{30} = 1.5493$ 2) $n_D^{30} = 1.5530$

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C. Biological examples

Seeds of wheat, barley or rice are placed in sandy loam soil in plastic pots, and the plants are grown in the greenhouse until they have reached the 3- to 4- leaf stage and then treated post-emergence in succession with the compounds according to the invention and the herbicides. The herbicides and the compounds of the formula (I) are applied in the form of aqueous suspensions or emulsions at an application rate of 300 l of water/ha (converted). 3-4 weeks after the treatment, the plants are scored visually for any type of damage by the herbicides which have been applied, taking into account in particular the extent of sustained growth inhibition. They are assessed in percentages in comparison with untreated controls.

Some test results are compiled in Tables 2, 3 and 4.

Table 2: Safener effect in barley

Product Herbicide/safener	Dosage rate (kg a.i./ha)	Herbicidal activity in % HOVU
H ₁	0.2	80
H ₁ + No. 1	0.2 + 1.25	60
H ₁ + No. 2	0.2 + 1.25	60
H ₁ + No. 6	0.2 + 1.25	20
H ₁ + No. 17	0.2 + 1.25	20
H ₁ + No. 4	0.2 + 1.25	20
H ₁ + No. 3	0.2 + 1.25	30
H ₁ + No. 7	0.2 + 1.25	37

H₁ = Fenoxaprop-P-ethyl

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HOVU = Hordeum vulgare (Barley)

No. ... = Safener of Example No. ... in Section B
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Table 3: Safener effect in rice

Product Herbicide/safener	Dosage rate (kg a.i./ha)	Herbicidal activity in % ORSA
H ₁	0.3	75
H ₁ + No. 1	0.3 + 1.25	60
H ₁ + No. 2	0.3 + 1.25	70
H ₁ + No. 6	0.3 + 1.25	70
H ₁ + No. 17	0.3 + 1.25	70
H ₁ + No. 4	0.3 + 1.25	65
H ₁ + No. 3	0.3 + 1.25	20
H ₁ + No. 7	0.3 + 1.25	70

H₂ = Fenoxaprop-P-ethyl

ORSA = Oryza sativa (rice)

Table 4: Safener effect in maize

Product Herbicide/safener	Dosage rate (kg a.i./ha)	Herbicidal activity in % ZEMV
H ₂	0.075	70
H ₂ + No. 1	0.075 + 1.25	20
H ₂ + No. 2	0.075 + 1.25	30
H ₂ + No. 6	0.075 + 1.25	50
H ₂ + No. 17	0.075 + 1.25	70
H ₂ + No. 4	0.075 + 1.25	30
H ₂ + No. 3	0.075 + 1.25	40
H ₂ + No. 7	0.075 + 1.25	30

H₂ = 3-(4,6-dimethoxypyrimidin-2-yl)-1-(3-N-methyl-

sulfonyl-N-methylaminopyridin-2-yl)sulfonylurea
ZEMV = Zea mays (maize)

Example 2

Maize plants are grown in the greenhouse in plastic pots
5 until they have reached the 4-leaf stage or the 6-leaf
stage and treated with a tank mix composed of a herbicide
and compounds of the formula (I) according to the
invention. The preparations are sprayed onto the growing
plants at an application rate of 300 l of water/ha. 4
10 weeks after the treatment, the plants are scored for
phytotoxicity, and the extent of the damage is determined
by comparison with the untreated control.

The test results, shown in Tables 5 and 6 demonstrate
that the compounds according to the invention can prevent
15 damage to plants in a highly efficient manner.

Table 5: Effect of the compounds according to the inven-
tion on maize plants

	Substances	Dosage rate		Herbicidal activity in	
				maize (in %)	
	Herbicide/ safener	kg AS/ha		4-leaf stage	6-leaf stage
20	H ₂	0.200		77	83
		0.100		70	73
		0.050		63	60
		0.025		33	40
25	H ₂ + No. 1	0.200	0.200	5	10
		0.100	0.100	0	0
		0.050	0.050	0	0
		0.025	0.025	0	0
30	H ₂ + No. 3	0.200	0.200	40	0
		0.100	0.100	20	0
		0.050	0.050	0	0
		0.025	0.025	0	0

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Substances		Dosage rate		Herbicide activity in maize (in %)	
Herbicide/ safener		kg AS/ha		4-leaf stage	6-leaf stage
5	H ₂ + No. 17	0.200	0.200	20	10
		0.100	0.100	10	0
		0.050	0.050	0	0
		0.025	0.025	0	0
10	H ₂ + No. 6	0.200	0.200	27	30
		0.100	0.100	7	20
		0.050	0.050	0	10
		0.025	0.025	0	0
15	H ₂ + No. 7	0.200	0.200	20	33
		0.100	0.100	0	20
		0.050	0.050	0	0
		0.025	0.025	0	0
20	H ₂ + No. 4	0.200	0.200	20	0
		0.100	0.100	0	0
		0.050	0.050	0	0
		0.025	0.025	0	0
H ₂ =		3-(4,6-dimethoxypyrimidin-2-yl)-1-(3-N-methyl- sulfonyl-N-methylaminopyridin-2-yl)sulfonylurea			

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Table 6: Effect of the compounds according to the invention on maize plants

Substances		Dosage rate		Herbicidal activity in maize (in %)	
	Herbicide/ safener	kg AS/ha		4-leaf stage	6 - l e a f stage
5	H ₃	0.200		90	88
		0.100		80	80
		0.050		75	80
10		0.025		60	65
	H ₃ + No. 3	0.200	0.200	5	10
		0.100	0.100	0	0
		0.050	0.050	0	0
		0.025	0.025	0	0
15	H ₃ + No. 4	0.200	0.200	10	15
		0.100	0.100	0	10
		0.050	0.050	0	0
		0.025	0.025	0	0
	H ₃ + No. 7	0.200	0.200	20	25
20		0.100	0.100	0	10
		0.050	0.050	0	0
		0.025	0.025	0	0
25	H ₃ =	3-(4-methoxy-6-methyl-1,3,5-triazin-2-yl)-1-(2-methoxycarbonyl)-5-iodophenyl-sulfonyl)urea			

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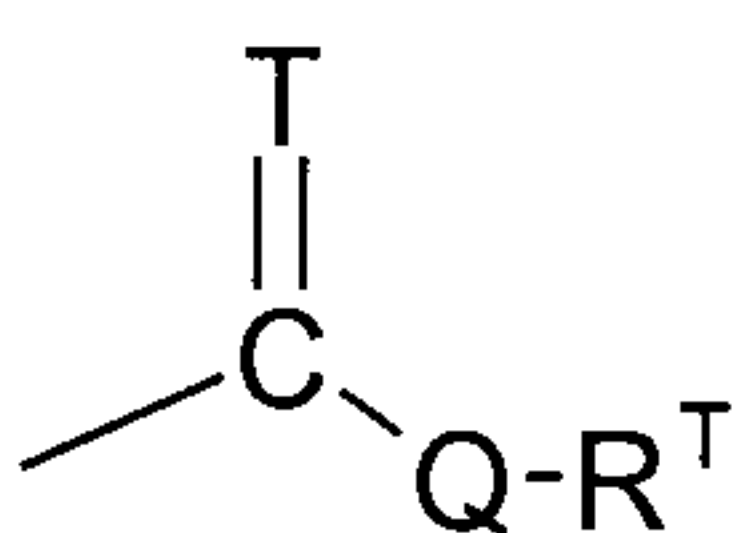
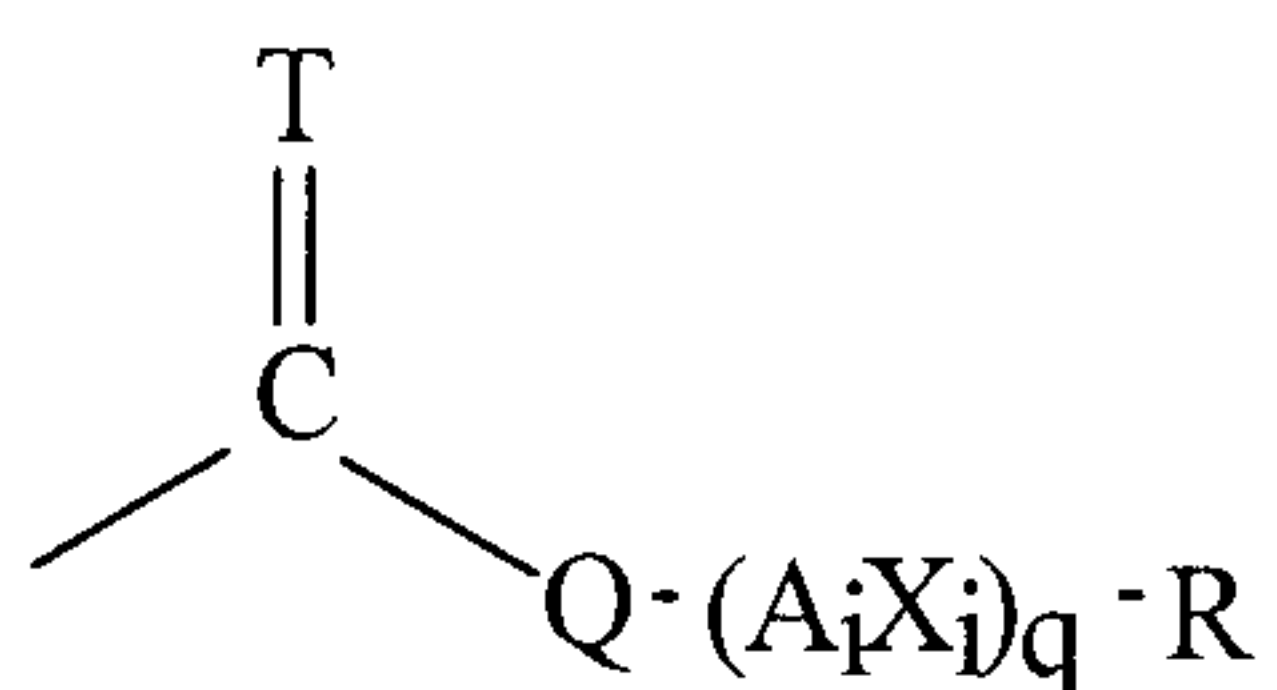
CLAIMS:

1. A crop protection composition, which comprises as a crop-plant-protecting compound a component of the formula (I) or a salt thereof:



wherein:

R¹ is an acyl radical of the formula:



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or

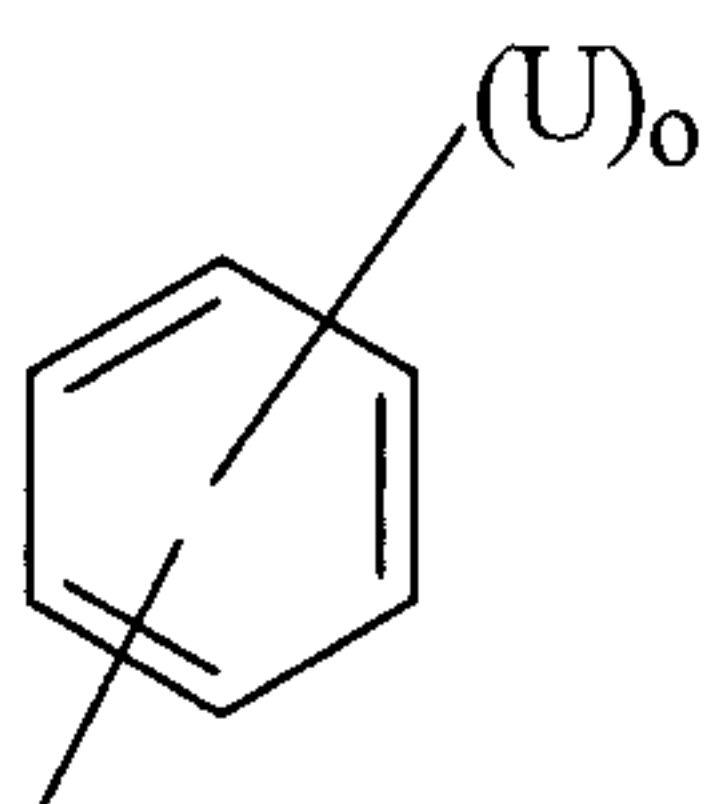
wherein R, R^T, T, Q, A_i, X_i and q are as defined further below;

R² is hydrogen;

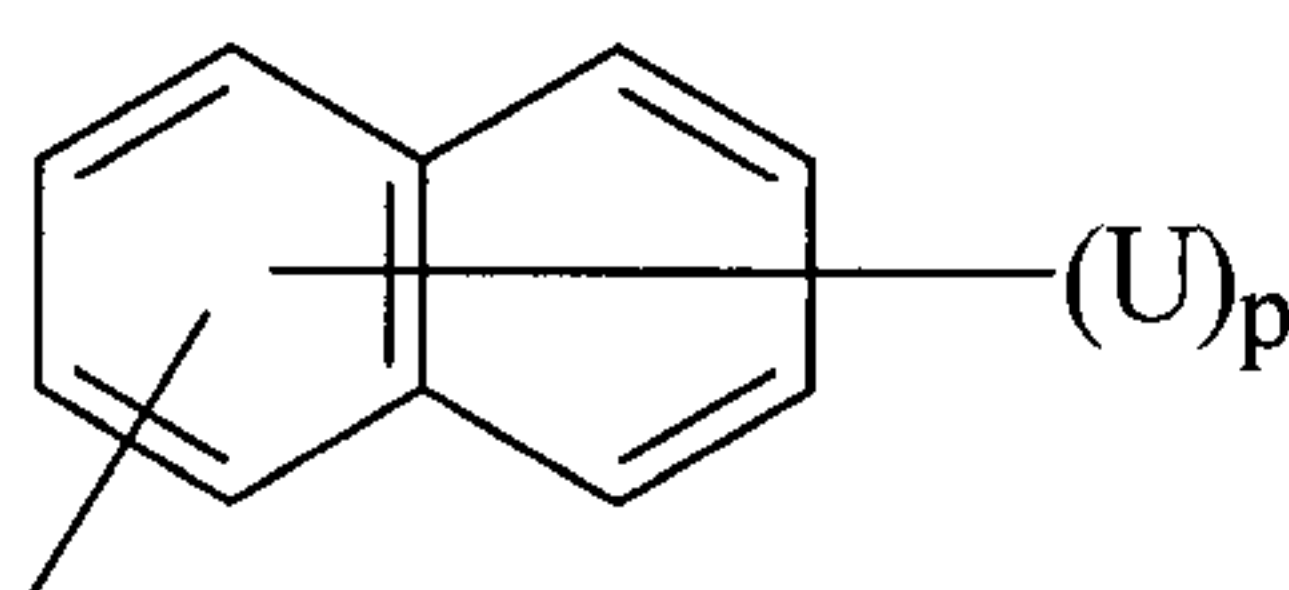
R³ and R⁴ independently of one another are:

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C₁-C₁₈-alkyl, C₃-C₁₂-cycloalkyl, C₂-C₈-alkenyl or C₂-C₈-alkinyl, or a radical of the formula:



or



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wherein:

(U) are identical or different radicals which, independently of one another, are H, halogen, cyano, nitro, amino or C₁-C₈-haloalkyl, C₁-C₈-haloalkoxy, C₁-C₈-alkyl, C₁-C₈-alkoxy, mono-(C₁-C₄-alkyl)-amino, di-(C₁-C₄-alkyl)-amino, C₁-C₈-alkylthio or C₁-C₈-alkylsulfonyl, each of the last-mentioned 8 radicals being unsubstituted or substituted by one or more identical or different radicals selected from the group consisting of halogen, C₁-C₈-haloalkoxy, nitro, cyano, hydroxyl, C₁-C₈-alkoxy, a C₁-C₈-alkoxy group in which one or more CH₂ groups are replaced with oxygen, C₁-C₈-alkylthio, C₁-C₆-alkylsulfinyl, C₁-C₆-alkylsulfonyl, C₂-C₈-alkenylthio, C₂-C₈-alkinylthio, C₂-C₈-alkenyloxy, C₂-C₈-alkinyloxy, C₃-C₇-cycloalkyl, C₃-C₇-cycloalkoxy, mono-(C₁-C₄-alkyl)amino, di-(C₁-C₄-alkyl)-amino and (C₁-C₈-alkoxy)-carbonyl,

o is an integer from 1 to 5, and

p is an integer from 1 to 7,

or are a heteroaryl radical selected from the group consisting of furyl, thienyl, pyrrolyl, pyrazolyl, thiazolyl, oxazolyl, pyridinyl, pyrimidinyl, pyrazinyl, pyridazinyl and quinolinyl, each of which is unsubstituted or substituted by one or more of the radicals defined for U above;

R is H, C₁-C₁₈-alkyl, C₃-C₁₂-cycloalkyl, C₂-C₈-alkenyl, C₂-C₈-alkinyl, heterocyclyl having 3 to 7 ring atoms, phenyl or heteroaryl, each of the last-mentioned 7 radicals independently of one another being unsubstituted or substituted by one or more radicals selected from the group consisting of:

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- (i) halogen, cyano, thio, nitro, hydroxyl, C₁-C₈-alkyl, the latter only in the case of cyclic radicals, C₁-C₈-haloalkyl, C₁-C₈-alkoxy, C₂-C₈-alkenyloxy, C₂-C₈-alkinyloxy, C₁-C₈-haloalkoxy, C₁-C₈-alkylthio, C₂-C₈-alkenylthio, C₂-C₈-alkinylthio, C₃-C₇-cycloalkyl and C₃-C₇-cycloalkoxy,
- (ii) radicals of the formulae: -NR^{*}R^{**}, -CO-NR^{*}R^{**} and -O-CO-NR^{*}R^{**}, wherein R^{*} and R^{**} independently of one another are H, C₁-C₈-alkyl, C₂-C₈-alkenyl, C₂-C₈-alkinyl, benzyl, phenyl or substituted phenyl, or together with the N-atom are a 3- to 8-membered heterocycle which can additionally contain up to 2 further hetero atoms selected from the group consisting of N, O and S and which can additionally be substituted by C₁-C₄-alkyl,
- (iii) (C₁-C₈-alkoxy)-carbonyl, (C₁-C₈-alkoxy)-thiocarbonyl, C₂-C₈-alkenyloxy)-carbonyl, (C₁-C₈-alkylthio)-carbonyl, (C₂-C₈-alkenylthio)-carbonyl, (C₂-C₈-alkinylthio)-carbonyl, (C₂-C₈-alkinyloxy)-carbonyl, formyl, (C₁-C₈-alkyl)-carbonyl, (C₂-C₈-alkenyl)-carbonyl, (C₂-C₈-alkinyl)-carbonyl, C₁-C₄-alkylimino, C₁-C₄-alkoxyimino, (C₁-C₈-alkyl)-carbonylamino, (C₂-C₈-alkenyl)-carbonylamino, (C₂-C₈-alkinyl)-carbonylamino, (C₁-C₈-alkoxy)-carbonylamino, (C₂-C₈-alkenyloxy)-carbonylamino, (C₂-C₈-alkinyloxy)-carbonylamino and (C₁-C₈-alkyl)-amino-carbonylamino,
- (iv) (C₁-C₆-alkyl)-carbonyloxy, which is unsubstituted or substituted by halogen, NO₂, C₁-C₄-alkoxy or optionally substituted phenyl,
- (v) (C₂-C₆-alkenyl)-carbonyloxy, (C₂-C₆-alkinyl)-carbonyloxy, (C₁-C₈-alkoxy)-carbonyloxy, (C₂-C₈-alkenyloxy)-carbonyloxy, (C₂-C₈-alkinyloxy)-carbonyloxy and C₁-C₈-alkylsulfonyl,
- (vi) phenyl, phenyl-C₁-C₆-alkoxy, phenyl-(C₁-C₆-alkoxy)-carbonyl, phenoxy, phenoxy-C₁-C₆-alkoxy, phenoxy-(C₁-C₆-

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alkoxy)-carbonyl, phenoxycarbonyl, phenylcarbonyloxy, phenylcarbonylamino, phenyl-(C₁-C₆-alkyl)-carbonylamino and phenyl-(C₁-C₆-alkyl)-carbonyloxy, which are unsubstituted or substituted in the phenyl ring by one or more radicals

5 selected from the group consisting of halogen, C₁-C₄-alkyl, C₁-C₄-alkoxy, C₁-C₄-haloalkyl, C₁-C₄-haloalkoxy and nitro,

(vii) radicals of the formulae: -SiR'₃, -O-SiR'₃, (R')₃Si-C₁-C₆-alkoxy, -CO-O-NR'₂, -O-N=CR'₂, -N=CR'₂, -O-NR'₂, -CH(OR')₂ and -O-(CH₂)_m-CH(OR')₂, wherein the R' in the

10 formulae independently of one another are H, C₁-C₄-alkyl or phenyl which is unsubstituted or mono- or polysubstituted by radicals selected from the group consisting of halogen, C₁-C₄-alkyl, C₁-C₄-alkoxy, C₁-C₄-haloalkyl, C₁-C₄-haloalkoxy and nitro, or in pairs, are a C₂-C₆-alkylene chain, and m is
15 0 to 6, and

(viii) a substituted alkoxy radical of the formula: R''O-CHR'''CH(OR'')-C₁-C₆-alkoxy, wherein the R'' independently of one another are C₁-C₄-alkyl or together are a C₁-C₆-alkylene group and R''' is H or C₁-C₄-alkyl;

20 R^T is a radical of the formula: -CO-R, -CS-R, -NR^fR^g, -N=CR^hRⁱ or SiR^aR^bR^c, where R is as defined above and R^f, R^g, R^h and Rⁱ independently of one another are hydrogen, C₁-C₄-alkyl, C₂-C₄-alkenyl, C₂-C₄-alkinyl, benzyl, phenyl or phenyl which is mono- or polysubstituted by radicals selected from
25 the group consisting of halogen, C₁-C₄-alkyl, C₁-C₄-alkoxy, C₁-C₄-halogenalkyl, C₁-C₄-halogenalkoxy and nitro, or R^f and R^g together with the nitrogen atom are a 5- or 6-membered heterocycle which may contain up to 2 further heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of N, O and S and which
30 may be substituted by C₁-C₄-alkyl, and

R^a, R^b and R^c independently of one another are C₁-C₄-alkyl,

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C₂-C₄-alkenyl, C₂-C₄-alkinyl, phenyl or phenyl which is mono- or polysubstituted by radicals selected from the group consisting of halogen, C₁-C₄-alkyl, C₁-C₄-alkoxy, C₁-C₄-halogenalkyl, C₁-C₄-halogenalkoxy and nitro;

5 T is O, S, NR⁸, N-OR⁸ or N-O-acyl;

Q is O or S;

q is an integer from 0 to 4;

i is a consecutive number which, in the event that q is not 0, assumes values of all integers from 1 to q, q having the
10 above-mentioned meaning;

X_i independently of one another are O, S, NR⁹, N-(A_iX_i)_q-R;

A_i independently of one another are unsubstituted or substituted C₁-C₆-alkylene or C₂-C₆-alkenylene; and

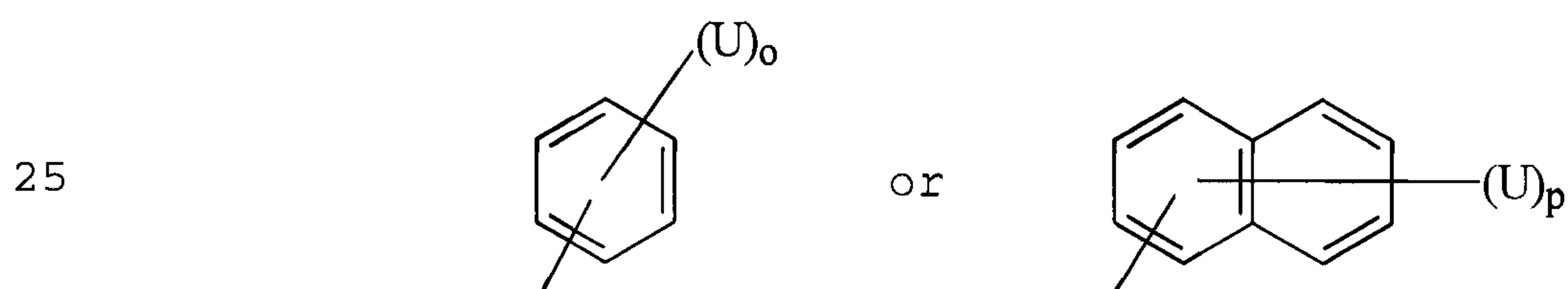
R⁸, R⁹ independently of one another are H, C₁-C₄-alkyl, C₂-C₄-
15 alkenyl, C₂-C₄-alkinyl, C₃-C₆-cycloalkyl, C₃-C₆-cycloalkenyl or phenyl,

and formulation auxiliaries which are customary in crop protection.

2. A crop protection composition as claimed in claim 1,
20 wherein in formula (I):

R² is hydrogen; and

at least one of the radicals R³ and R⁴ is a radical of the formula:



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wherein:

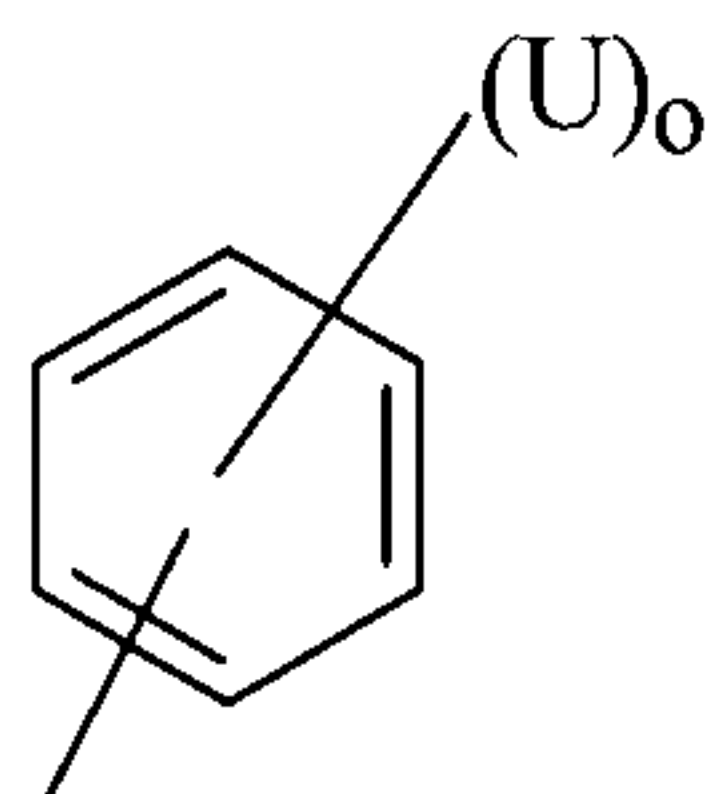
(U) represents identical or different radicals which independently of one another are H, halogen, cyano, nitro, amino, C₁-C₄-haloalkyl, C₁-C₄-haloalkoxy, C₁-C₄-alkyl, C₁-C₄-alkoxy, mono-(C₁-C₄-alkyl)-amino, di-(C₁-C₄-alkyl)-amino, C₁-C₄-alkylthio or C₁-C₄-alkylsulfonyl,

o is an integer from 1 to 3, and

p is an integer from 1 to 3; or

at least one of the radicals R³ and R⁴ is a heteroaryl radical selected from the group consisting of thienyl and pyridinyl, each of which is unsubstituted or substituted by one or more of the radicals defined for U above.

3. A crop protection composition as claimed in claim 1 or 2, wherein in formula (I), R³ and R⁴ are the same or different radicals of the formula:



wherein (U) and o are as defined for formula (I) as set out in claim 1 or 2.

4. A crop protection composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein in formula (I):

R is H, C₁-C₈-alkyl, C₄-C₇-cycloalkyl, C₂-C₈-alkenyl, C₂-C₈-alkinyl, heterocyclyl having 3 to 7 ring atoms, phenyl or heteroaryl, each of the last-mentioned 7 radicals independently of one another are unsubstituted or substituted by one or more radicals selected from the group consisting of halogen, cyano, thio, nitro, hydroxyl, C₁-C₄-

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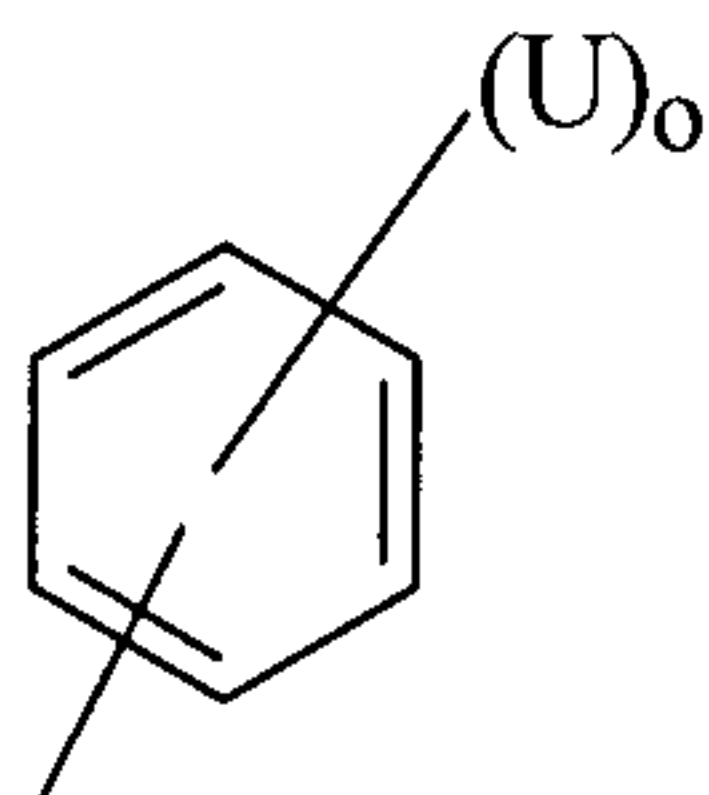
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alkyl, the latter only in case of cyclic radicals, C₁-C₄-haloalkyl, C₁-C₄-alkoxy, C₂-C₄-alkenyloxy, C₂-C₄-alkinyloxy, C₁-C₄-haloalkoxy, C₁-C₄-alkylthio, C₂-C₄-alkenylthio, C₂-C₄-alkinylthio, C₅-C₆-cycloalkyl, C₅-C₆-cycloalkoxy, amino, mono-
 5 (C₁-C₄-alkyl)-amino, di-(C₁-C₄-alkyl)-amino, (C₁-C₆-alkoxy)-carbonyl, -SiR'₃, -O-NR'₂, -O-N=CR'₂ and -N=CR'₂, wherein the R' in the formulae independently of one another are H, C₁-C₂-alkyl or phenyl, or in pairs are a C₂-C₅-alkylene chain.

5. A crop protection composition as claimed in claim 1,
 10 wherein in formula (I):

R³, R⁴ independently of one another are identical or different radicals of the formula:

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and

R is H, C₁-C₈-alkyl, C₄-C₇-cycloalkyl, C₂-C₈-alkenyl or C₂-C₈-alkinyl, heterocyclyl having 3 to 7 ring atoms, phenyl or heteroaryl, each of the last-mentioned 7 radicals
 20 independently of one another are unsubstituted or substituted by one or more radicals selected from the group consisting of halogen, cyano, thio, nitro, hydroxy, C₁-C₄-alkyl, the latter in the case of cyclic radicals only, C₁-C₄-haloalkyl, C₁-C₄-alkoxy, C₂-C₄-alkenyloxy, C₂-C₄-alkinyloxy, C₁-C₄-haloalkoxy,
 25 C₁-C₄-alkylthio, C₂-C₄-alkenylthio, C₂-C₄-alkinylthio, C₅-C₆-cycloalkyl, C₅-C₆-cycloalkoxy, amino, mono-(C₁-C₄-alkyl)-amino, di-(C₁-C₄-alkyl)-amino, (C₁-C₆-alkoxy)-carbonyl, and radicals of the formulae -SiR'₃, -O-NR'₂, -O-N=CR'₂, and -N=CR'₂,
 wherein the R' in the formulae independently of one another
 30 are H, C₁-C₂-alkyl or phenyl, or in pairs, are a C₂-C₅-alkylene chain.

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6. A crop protection composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein in formula (I):

R is H, C₁-C₈-alkyl, C₅-C₆-cycloalkyl, C₂-C₈-alkenyl or C₂-C₈-alkynyl, wherein each of the last-mentioned 4 radicals
 5 independently of one another are unsubstituted or substituted by one or more radicals selected from the group consisting of halogen, cyano, nitro, C₁-C₄-alkoxy, C₂-C₄-alkenyloxy, C₂-C₄-alkynyloxy, C₅-C₆-cycloalkyl, C₅-C₆-cycloalkoxy, mono-(C₁-C₄-alkyl)-amino, di-(C₁-C₄-alkyl)-amino, and radicals of the
 10 formulae -SiR'₃, -O-NR'₂, -O-N=CR'₂ and -N=CR'₂, in which the R' in the formulae independently of one another are H, C₁-C₂-alkyl or phenyl, or in pairs, are a C₂-C₅-alkylene chain.

7. A crop protection composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein in formula (I):

15 R¹ is a radical of the formula: -C(=T)-Q-(A_iX_i)_q-R;

R² is hydrogen;

T is O or NR⁸;

Q is O;

q is an integer of from 0 to 4;

20 i is a consecutive number which, in the event that q is not 0, assumes values of all integers from 1 to q, q having the above-mentioned meaning;

X_i independently of one another are O, S, NR⁹, N-(A_iX_i)_q-R;

A_i independently of one another are C₁-C₄-alkylene or C₂-C₄-
 25 alkenylene; and

R⁸, R⁹ independently of one another are H, C₁-C₄-alkyl, C₂-C₄-alkenyl, C₂-C₄-alkynyl or C₅-C₆-cycloalkyl.

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8. A crop protection composition which comprises one or more pesticides and as safener at least one compound of the formula (I) or a salt thereof as defined according to any one of claims 1 to 7.

5 9. A compound of the formula (I), or a salt thereof, as defined according to any one of claims 1 to 7, with the exception of 3-carbethoxy-5-methyl-5-vinyl-isoxazoline.

10. A compound as claimed in claim 9, wherein:

R^1 is a group of the formula $-CO-OR$, wherein:

10 R is hydrogen, C_1-C_4 -alkyl, C_2-C_4 -alkenyl, C_2-C_4 -alkynyl, C_1-C_4 -haloalkyl, hydroxy- C_1-C_4 -alkyl, C_1-C_4 -alkoxy- C_1-C_4 -alkyl, C_1-C_4 -alkylthio- C_1-C_4 -alkyl or phenyl which is unsubstituted or substituted by one or more radicals selected from the group consisting of halogen, hydroxyl, C_1-C_4 -alkyl, C_1-C_4 -alkoxy, C_1-C_4 -alkylthio and $(C_1-C_4$ -alkoxy)-carbonyl;
15

R^2 is hydrogen;

R^3 is phenyl which is unsubstituted or substituted by one or more radicals selected from the group consisting of halogen, C_1-C_4 -alkyl, C_1-C_4 -haloalkyl, C_1-C_4 -alkoxy and di- $(C_1-C_4$ -alkyl)-amino; and
20

R^4 is phenyl which is unsubstituted or substituted by one or more radicals selected from the group consisting of halogen, C_1-C_4 -alkyl, C_1-C_4 -haloalkyl and C_1-C_4 -alkoxy.

11. A compound as claimed in claim 10, wherein:

25 R is hydrogen, C_1-C_4 -alkyl, C_1-C_4 -haloalkyl, hydroxy- C_1-C_4 -alkyl, C_1-C_4 -alkoxy- C_1-C_4 -alkyl, C_1-C_4 -alkylthio- C_1-C_4 -alkyl or phenyl which is unsubstituted or substituted by halogen;

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R³ is phenyl which is unsubstituted or substituted by one or more radicals selected from the group consisting of halogen, C₁-C₄-alkyl, C₁-C₄-haloalkyl and C₁-C₄-alkoxy; and

R⁴ is phenyl which is unsubstituted or substituted by one or
5 more radicals selected from the group consisting of halogen, C₁-C₄-alkyl, C₁-C₄-haloalkyl and C₁-C₄-alkoxy.

12. A compound as claimed in claim 9, wherein:

R¹ is a group of the formula -CO-OR, wherein:

R is hydrogen or C₁-C₄-alkyl;

10 R² is hydrogen;

R³ is phenyl; and

R⁴ is phenyl.

13. A compound as claimed in claim 12, wherein:

R is methyl, ethyl, n-propyl, isopropyl or n-butyl;

15 R³ is phenyl; and

R⁴ is phenyl.

14. A compound as claimed in claim 12, wherein:

R is ethyl;

R³ is phenyl; and

20 R⁴ is phenyl.

15. A process for the preparation of a compound of the formula (I), or a salt thereof, as claimed in any of claims 9 to 14, which comprises reacting a compound of the formula (II):

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wherein R^2 , R^3 and R^4 are defined as in formula (I) with a nitrile oxide of the formula (III):



5 in which R^1 is as defined in formula (I).

16. A method of protecting crop plants against phytotoxic side-effects of active substances of pesticides, which comprises applying an effective amount of one or more of the compounds of formula (I), or salts thereof, as
10 defined in any one of claims 1 to 7 and 9 to 14 to the plants, seeds of the plants or the area under cultivation before, after or simultaneously with a pesticide.

17. The method as claimed in claim 16, wherein the pesticide is a herbicide.

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