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(54) Title: BIPHASIC INDUCING AGENT FOR AQUEOUS CLEANSING COMPOSITIONS

(57) Abstract: The invention relates to the use of specifically defined agents that induce the formation of biphasic liquid cleansing compositions. In particular the biphasic inducing agents include water soluble, high-gel-point polysaccharides having a molecular weight greater than about 10,000 Daltons; fatty ester or fatty ether ethoxylates of intermediate ethoxylation; and mixtures thereof. Optional use of salt and polydextrose allows less total biphasic inducing agents to be used in the composition and more control over the physical properties of the composition.

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Liquid cleansing composition comprising at least 2 separated aqueous based layers, said composition containing 5-75% of a surfactant; a biphasic inducing agent being a polysaccharide having a molecular weight greater than 10,000; up to 10% of a salt; and up to 35% of a polydextrose.

2. claims: 1(part), 2(part), 5, 6(part), 7(part), 8(part), 9(part), 10(part)

Liquid cleansing composition comprising at least 2 separated aqueous based layers, said composition containing 5-75% of a surfactant; a biphasic inducing agent being an intermediate ethoxylate fatty ester; up to 10% of a salt; and up to 35% of a polydextrose.

3. claims: 1(part), 2(part), 5, 6(part), 7(part), 8(part), 9(part), 10(part)

Liquid cleansing composition comprising at least 2 separated aqueous based layers, said composition containing 5-75% of a surfactant; a biphasic inducing agent being an intermediate ethoxylate fatty ether; up to 10% of a salt; and up to 35% of a polydextrose.

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