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(54) Title: METHOD FOR INHIBITING OXIDATION OR ACID ATTACK OF FERROUS METALS UTILIZING GLYCOSIDES AND CLEANING COMPOSITIONS FOR FERROUS METALS (57) Abstract Glycosides and polyglycosides having the formula: $R(OG)_x$, wherein R is an aliphatic hydrocarbon radical having from 1 to 25 carbon atoms or is a radical with the formula $R_1(OR_2)_n$ which does not have more than 25 carbon atoms and wherein $n = 0$ to 24 and R_1 and R_2 are aliphatic hydrocarbon radicals, G is the residue of a saccharide moiety selected from the group consisting of fructose, glucose, mannose, galactose, talose, gulose, allose, altrose, idose, arabinose, xylose, lyxose, ribose or alkoxyated derivatives thereof and x is 1 to 30, which glycosides and polyglycosides inhibit oxidation and acid attack of ferrous metals.		

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METHOD FOR INHIBITING OXIDATION OR ACID ATTACK OF
FERROUS METALS UTILIZING GLYCOSIDES AND CLEANING COM-
POSITIONS FOR FERROUS METALS

This application relates to the inhibition of
oxidation of ferrous metals. More particularly, this
invention relates to the use of alkyl glycosides, alkyl
polyglycosides (APGs) or mixtures thereof to inhibit the
5 oxidation of ferrous metals and acid attack of ferrous
metals.

Ferrous metals when soiled frequently are the
subject of cleaning with cleaning compositions. Acid
cleaning compositions often are used for the removal of
10 soil such as iron oxides in a process known as pickling.
More broadly, however, acid is used for the removal of
mill scale (hot-rolled scale) developed during hot forming
of metal; scale developed during welding; scale
developed during heat treating; superficial oxide which
15 interferes with painting, porcelain enameling, tinning,
galvanizing, or electroplating; rust and corrosion
products; proteinous deposits; hard water scale; and
products of reaction of hard water with soil, especially
protein. Acids commonly used for cleaning ferrous
20 metals include, but are not limited to, sulfuric acid,
hydrochloric acid, phosphoric acid, nitric acid,
hydrofluoric acid and organic acids such as oxalic acid,
trichloroacetic acid, citric acid, formic acid and acetic
acid.

25 Acid cleaning action is enhanced by the use of
surfactants especially when a soil such as an oxide is
combined with another soil such as oil. Hence,
surfactants form an important part of cleaning
compositions for the removal of soil from ferrous metals
30 by acid cleaners. Surfactants have the property of
concentrating at the surface to be cleaned to facilitate
cleaning. Further, surfactants facilitate cleaning in

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various other ways which include, but are not limited to, the neutralization of forces which attract soil to the surface to be cleaned and the retention of soil in suspension after its removal to prevent its redeposition
5 on the cleaned surface.

Moreover, with acid cleaning it is often desirable to have minimal acid attack on the base metal. Excessive reaction with the metal consumes acid, creates fumes, enhances hydrogen embrittlement, produces smut,
10 and may remove enough metal to affect tolerances.

After cleaning a moist clean ferrous metal surface, such as steel, with a mildly acidic residue rerusts very rapidly. Rerusting can be minimized by rapid dry-off and by maintaining the part submerged in
15 cool water prior to a rapid dry-off. If the water is alkaline, oxidation may be inhibited; soda ash or lime is often used in the final rinse to prevent rusting during handling. Sodium nitrite solutions of from 0.1 to 10% concentration, depending on the time of storage, are
20 often used as a final rinse (and can be quite effective) for those cases where the parts should not be covered with an oily rust preventive. Sodium nitrite, however, leaves a surface deposit which sometimes is considered undesirable in metal working. Moreover, because the
25 salt tends to break up emulsions it causes problems in the formulation of metal cleaners.

As used throughout this application, oxidation means the alteration of a ferrous metal by the formation of oxides which include but are not limited to rust and
30 mill scale. As used throughout this application, acid attack means the reaction of an acid with a ferrous metal. Ferrous metal means iron or an alloy of iron

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containing more iron than any other metal, the most common iron alloy being steel.

It is an object of this invention to provide a method for the inhibition of oxidation of ferrous metals.

5 It is another object of this invention to provide an oxidation inhibitor for ferrous metals which is stable in an acid medium.

10 It is still another object of this invention to provide a method for the moderation of acid attack on ferrous metals.

It is yet another object of this invention to provide a surfactant, oxidation inhibitor and additive for acid cleaning compositions for ferrous metals.

15 These and other objects of the invention will become more apparent with reference to the following detailed description.

According to the invention glycosides having the formula



20 wherein

R is an aliphatic hydrocarbon radical having from 1 to 25 carbon atoms or is a radical having the formula $R_1(OR_2)_n$ which does not have more than 25 carbon atoms and wherein $n = 0$ to 24 and R_1 and R_2 are aliphatic hydrocarbon radicals,

30 G is the residue of a saccharide moiety selected from the group consisting of fructose, glucose, mannose, galactose, talose, gulose, allose, altrose, idose, arabinose, xylose, lyxose, ribose, alkoxyated derivatives of any of the

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foregoing saccharide materials, or mixtures thereof, and x is 1 to 30

inhibit oxidation of ferrous metals, inhibit acid attack thereon and are stable in an acid medium. Preferably

5 the glycosides used in the invention are alkyl glucosides (G is glucose). The degree of polymerization of the polyglycosides varies and is in the range of about 1 to 30 (x = 1 to 30). When the glycosides and polyglycosides are made or purchased they most often

10 are mixtures comprising molecules of varying degrees of polymerization. Polyglycosides in these mixtures have a degree of polymerization as high as 30, most of the polyglycosides have a degree of polymerization of 10 or less and most of the latter group has a degree of

15 polymerization of 1 to 4. Because the glycosides are often found as mixtures x may be expressed as an average degree of polymerization which includes fractional numbers. Recognizing that the glycosides used according to the invention are mixtures with

20 varying degrees of polymerization, preferably the degree of polymerization of the polyglycosides is from about 1 to about 10 and most preferably is in the range of from about 1 to about 4. R is preferably at the C₁ position of the glycoside and is preferably an alkyl group which

25 is straight chained or branched having 4 to 13 carbon atom and most preferably 9 to 13 carbon atoms.

The glycosides used in the invention inhibit oxidation within a pH range where oxidation occurs which includes a pH of 7 and below and up to a pH of

30 about 9. They are stable in an acid medium and inhibit oxidation without leaving undesirable deposits which heretofore had been a problem. Moreover, the glycosides used in the invention inhibit acid attack of

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metallic iron and alloys thereof. According to the method of the invention, solutions having less than two percent by weight on a dry basis of inorganic salts and comprising, on a total weight basis, from about 0.1 to
5 about 50 percent by weight of the glycosides of the invention, preferably from about 1 to about 20 percent by weight and most preferably about 1 to about 10 percent by weight are applied to the ferrous metal to inhibit oxidation and acid attack thereof. The solutions
10 may be made with any solvent which solvates the glycosides and which are compatible with ferrous metal such solvents including, but not limited to, water, glycol ether solvents including ethylene glycol monoethyl ether which is available as Cellosolve solvent,
15 tetrahydrofurfuryl alcohol, butyl alcohol and mixtures thereof. Application of the solution may be any way of contacting the solution with the surface of the metal including, but not limited to, immersion, spraying or dipping. Thickeners, as are known, such as xanthan
20 gum, polyacrylics or colloidal magnesium aluminum silicates which are available as Veegum may be included in the solutions of the glycosides as required. After application, the glycoside solution is permitted to evaporate or is dried from the surface of the metal.

25 The method of the invention is particularly pertinent to the acid cleaning of ferrous metals with acids such as sulfuric, hydrochloric, phosphoric, nitric, hydrofluoric and organic acids such as oxalic, trichloroacetic, formic, citric or acetic acid, when the
30 latter acids are combined with aqueous solutions of the glycosides of the invention to provide ferrous metal cleaning compositions. The glycosides not only act as a surfactant to assist cleaning, but also inhibit oxidation

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of the cleaned surface and acid attack on the base metal. Hence the cleaning compositions which include the glycosides not only clean the surface of the metal without undesirable acid attack of the base metal, but also have the unexpected property of inhibiting oxidation on cleaned surface of the metal. It has been found that glycosides of formula I have excellent stability under highly acid conditions. The glycosides which are excellent surfactant materials provide sufficient foaming in hard surface cleaners so that the acid component of the composition does not merely run off of the surface being cleaned. The aqueous acidic cleaning compositions, on a total weight basis, have from 0.1 to about 50 percent by weight of the glycosides described herein, preferably about 1 to about 20 percent by weight and most preferably about 1 to about 10 percent by volume. The aqueous cleaning compositions should preferably have a pH in the range of about 0.1 to about 4.0 and less than about two percent by weight, on a total weight basis, on a dry basis of inorganic salts for the cleaning composition to exhibit oxidation inhibition. Other ingredients such as thickeners and organic solvents as previously described may be optionally added to the cleaning composition. The acids suitable for use in the present invention include relatively strong acids such as sulfuric, hydrochloric, gluconic, nitric, sulfamic, oxalic, phosphoric, phosphorous or any other strong acid. Such acids may conveniently have a dissociation constant K_1 at 25°C of equal to or greater than 2.5×10^{-4} ; preferably equal to or greater than 1×10^{-4} ; more preferably equal to or greater than 5×10^{-3} ; most preferably 1×10^{-3} or greater. Such strong acids, when employed at 0.1N in distilled water at 25°C, will

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typically give a pH of 1.8 or less; preferably 1.6 or less. The cleaning compositions of the invention may be applied to the metal surface to be cleaned by dipping, spraying or immersion with contact times being a
5 function of the application method, temperature and pH of the composition.

The various glycoside and polyglycoside compounds and processes for making them are disclosed in U.S. Patent Nos. 2,974,134; 3,219,656; 3,598,865;
10 3,707,535; 3,772,269; 3,839,318; 3,974,138; and 4,223,129. Alkoxylated glycosides, such as those disclosed in U.S. Patent 3,640,998, are also useful herein. All of the indicated patents are incorporated by reference herein. Moreover, a mixture of alkyl
15 glucosides and alkyl polyglycosides which may be used in the method of the invention are commercially available as Triton BG-10 from the Rohm and Haas Company.

Where an acid is present in the solution used in the method of the invention it is typically employed at
20 from about 5% to about 70% by weight of the actual acid species, e.g. 37% hydrochloric acid is expressed as a 100% HCl basis. Thus the amount of acid utilized is conveniently from about 6% to about 50%; and most preferably from about 8% to about 45% by weight.

25 The acid and the glycoside may be mixed to the desired proportions in any convenient manner. It is desired however that when mixing the glycoside and the acid, a minimal amount of agitation be employed as this tends to cause the glycoside to foam which is not
30 particularly desirable during preparation of the compositions of interest. As the glycoside and the acid are both compatible liquid materials, it is possible to

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form a simple mixture or upon careful agitation to obtain a true solution of the glycoside and acid.

As most of the acids employed herein are obtained in their concentrated aqueous form. it is a further desirable variable herein that the solutions used in the method of the invention be aqueous with the amount of water employed typically being from about 10% to about 95%; and preferably from about 15% to about 75%.

Other materials which may be incorporated within the treatment solutions and/or acidic cleaning compositions hereof include an anionic surfactant such as an alkylsulfate, paraffin sulfate, paraffin sulfonate, olefin sulfonate, alkylether sulfate, or an alkylbenzene sulfonate. These anionic surfactants are typically found in the form of their sodium, potassium or ammonium salt, however, it is noted herein that due to the high degree of acidity in the present compositions the anionic surfactants will typically be in their acid form to a substantial degree notwithstanding the cationic salt species employed.

Amines may be included in the acidic cleaning compositions herein at from 0% to 50% by weight to further inhibit acid etching of the metal surface. Preferably, the amines will be nonaromatic materials. The amines should be used at less than a 10:1 ratio to the glycoside. Quaternary compounds may be included, if desired.

Additional ingredients which may be employed in the treatment solutions and acidic cleaning compositions hereof include materials such as detergent builders and abrasive materials. Certain abrasive materials, such as calcium carbonate, would tend to

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decompose and liberate carbon dioxide. Thus it is more preferred that a material such as a silica be employed as the abrasive to avoid having the abrasive material decompose upon storage. The amount of detergent
5 builder or abrasive which may be included in the acidic cleaning compositions is typically from about 2% to about 40%; preferably from about 3% to about 30% by weight. Suitable builders include the phosphates, nitrilotriacetic acid (NTA), aluminosilicates and the builders disclosed
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EXAMPLE I

The oxidation inhibition capabilities of the glycosides of the invention were evaluated by the following test. Water with 100 ppm hardness is prepared. The material to be tested for its rust inhibition capabilities is added. Three grams of degreased cast iron chips of 15 to 40 mesh are placed on #1 filter paper having an area of one square inch and 3 ml of the test solution are added to the metal chips which then are dried for 16 hours. After drying chips and filter paper are evaluated for rust and are rated on a scale from 1 to 10 with 10 indicating no rust. In the test results shown in Table I, hard water with no additives and a solution of sodium nitrite were used as controls. Igepal CO630, Neodol 25-3S, Biosoft D-62 and Dowfax 2A1 are known surfactants. APC stands for glycoside compounds of the Formula I above.

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TABLE I
RUST INHIBITION CAPABILITIES FOR
FERROUS METALS OF AQUEOUS SOLUTIONS
OF GLYCOSIDES, POLYGLYCOSIDES AND
OTHER SURFACTANTS

5	a)	% Salt on dry basis	SURFACTANT CONCENTRATION			
			0%	1%	5%	20%
			weight %			
	Water (Control)	---	5.0			
	NaNO ₂ (Control)	---		5.0	9.0	10.0
10	Methyl Glucoside	<1.0		5.7	5.5	5.5
	Ethyl Glucoside	<1.0		5.7	5.6	5.2
	Butyl Glucoside	<1.0		5.0	5.7	7.3
	2-Ethyl Hexyl Glucoside	<1.0		4.0	8.0	8.0
15	APG where x averages 1.5 and G is derived from glucose and R is derived from C ₉ to C ₁₁ alcohols sold by Shell Oil Company under the name Neodol 91.	<1.0		6.3	8.0	8.5
20	APG where x averages 1.5, G is glucose and R derived from Neodol 91.	4.1		4.8	4.8	4.8
25	APG where G is glucose, x averages about 1.8 to 3 and R is derived from Neodol 91.	11.9		6.0	5.5	4.0
30	APG where G is glucose, x averages about 3 and R is derived from C ₁₂ to C ₁₃ alcohols sold by Shell Oil Company under the name of Neodol 23.	<1.0		5.6	5.7	5.7
	APG where G is glucose,					

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	x averages about 3 and R is derived from Neodol 23.	9.2	3.5	4.2	2.5
5	APG where G is glucose, x averages 3 and R is derived from Neodol 23.	<1.0	6.5	7.2	7.2
	APG where G is Glucose, x averages 3 and R is derived from Neodol 23.	12.7	3.5	3.5	3.5
10	C ₁₂ to C ₁₅ ethoxy- lated alcohols sold by Shell Chemical Company under the name of Neodol 25				
15	which is the reaction product of alcohol with seven moles of ethylene oxide.		4.2	3.5	1.0
20	Nonylphenol ethoxy- late sold by GAF under the name of Igepal which is the reaction product of 9-1/2 moles of ethylene oxide with phenol.		3.0	2.5	1.0
25	Alkyl ether sulfate sold by Shell Chemical Company under the name of Neodol 25-3S.		2.0	2.0	1.5
30	Sodium linear alkyl benzene sulfonate which is an anionic surfactant sold by Stephan Chemical Company under the name of Biosoft D-62.		2.0	1.5	1.0

5 A branched C₁₂
alkylated diphenyl
oxide disulfonate
some of which is a
sodium salt and
which is an anionic
surfactant sold by
The Dow Chemical
Company under the
trademark Dowfax 2A1. 2.0 1.5 1.0

Higher Number represents better results.

10 10 = No Rust 1 = Very Heavy Rust

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EXAMPLE II

The capabilities of solutions of the glycosides of the invention to inhibit the acid attack of a ferrous metal surface were tested in various acids as indicated below. In each case the glycoside was a glucoside. The test was conducted by first recording the weight of a piece of galvanized steel (3" x 1/2" x 1/8"), then heating the steel in the acid for six hours and then measuring and recording the weight loss of the steel. The experiment then was repeated using the acid and APG combination. The weight loss with the APG acid solution divided by the weight loss with the acid alone yields the percent corrosion inhibition data illustrated in Table II.

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TABLE II
APG AS A CORROSION INHIBITOR
% CORROSION INHIBITION IN ACID

<u>SURFACTANT</u> <u>0.1%</u>	<u>ALKYL</u> <u>GROUP</u>	<u>AVERAGE</u> <u>DP</u>	<u>5%</u> <u>HCL</u>	<u>10%</u> <u>SULFURIC</u> <u>SULFAMIC</u>	<u>10%</u> <u>PHOSPHORIC</u>	<u>10%</u> <u>CITRIC</u>	<u>10%</u> <u>FORMIC</u>
APG, R is derived from Neodol 91	C ₉ , 10, & 11	1	19.3	35.8	54.3	20.9	31.5
APG, R is derived from Neodol 91	"	3.0	23.8	41.7	63.3	27.8	22.18
APG, R is derived from Neodol 23	C ₁₂ , & 13	3.0	16.9	38.6	51.1	17.7	23.9
APG, R is a straight chain	C ₈	3.3	27.5	66.4	72.5	57.6	39.1
APG, R is a straight chain	C ₁₀	3.4	41.8	45.0	54.0	34.8	43.5
APG, R is a straight chain	C ₁₄	5.7	41.7	62.5	60.5	44.3	25.0
APG, R is a straight chain	C ₁₆	4.2	25.5	53.7	54.6	24.1	28.3
*Dowfax 2A1			7.1	39.4	52.7	20.3	13.0

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EXAMPLE III

The following compositions useful in the method of the invention and listed in Table III below are prepared by obtaining a glycoside of the average degree of polymerization (DP) and having an alkyl chain length shown as carbon chain. The acids are presented on an active "solids" basis. The stability of the glycosides in the acidic medium of the composition is shown by the maintenance of the surface tension after 7 days storage at 49°C.

STABILITY OF GLUCOSIDE IN ACID MEDIUM

	Carbon Chain	DP	% Glucoside	% Acid	Surface tension (25°C)	
					Initial (Dynes/cm)	After 7 Days At 49°C (Dynes/cm)
15	1. *91	3.0	1.0	10% HCl	27.5	23.7
	2. 91	3.0	1.0	5% HCl	27.2	25.4
	3. **23	3.0	0.1	10% HCl	27.3	23.5
20	4. 23	3.0	1.0	20% HCl	27.3	23.4
	5. 23	3.0	1.0	20% H ₂ SO ₄	27.4	25.4
	6. 23	3.0	0.1	10% H ₂ SO ₄	27.4	25.6
	7. 23	3.0	1.0	40% H ₃ PO ₄	27.8	26.7
25	8. 23	3.0	0.1	40% H ₃ PO ₄	29.1	21.0

* 91 is a mixture of nonyl, decyl and undecyl, i.e. R derives from the alcohol mixture sold by Shell Oil Company under the name Neodol 91.

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** 23 is a mixture of dodecyl and tridecyl, i.e. R derives from the alcohol mixture sold by Shell Oil Company under the name Neodol 23.

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It should be understood that while certain preferred embodiments of the present invention have been illustrated and described, various modifications thereof will become apparent to those skilled in the art.

5 Accordingly, the scope of the present invention should be defined by the appended claims and equivalents thereof.

Various features of the invention are set forth in the following claims.

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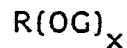
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WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method for inhibiting oxidation or acid attack of a ferrous metal comprising:

5 contacting the surface of the ferrous metal with a solution which has less than about two percent by weight inorganic salts and which solution includes, on a total weight basis, from about 0.1 to about 50 percent by weight of a glycoside having the formula



10 wherein

 R is an aliphatic hydrocarbon radical having from 1 to 25 carbon atoms or is a radical with the formula $R_1(OR_2)_n$ which does not have more than 25 carbon atoms and wherein $n = 0$ to 24 and R_1 and R_2 are aliphatic hydrocarbon radicals,

15 G is the residue of a saccharide moiety selected from the group consisting of fructose, glucose, mannose, galactose, talose, gulose, 20 allose, altrose, idose, arabinose, xylose, lyxose, ribose, alkoxylated derivatives of any of the foregoing saccharides, or mixtures thereof, and x is 1 to 30.

2. A method as recited in Claim 1 wherein G is glucose, the solution is an aqueous solution and R is an aliphatic hydrocarbon radical.

3. A method as recited in Claim 2 wherein the glycoside comprises, on a total weight basis, from about 1 to about 20 percent by weight of the solution.

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4. A method as recited in Claim 2 wherein the glycoside comprises from about 1 to about 10 percent by volume of the solution.

5. A method as recited in any of Claims 2, 3 or 4 wherein R is an alkyl group which is a straight chain or branched having 4 to 13 carbon atoms and $x = 1$ to 10.

6. A method as recited in any of Claims 2, 3 or 4 wherein R is an alkyl group which is a straight chain or branched having 9 to 13 carbon atoms and $x = 1$ to 4.

7. A method as recited in any of Claims 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6 wherein said method is for inhibiting oxidation.

8. A method as recited in any of Claims 1 - 7 wherein the solution has a pH of about 7 or below.

9. An aqueous acidic cleaning composition, which has less than about two percent by weight inorganic salts, for ferrous metals comprising;

an acid; and, on a total weight basis,

5 from about 0.1 to about 50 percent by volume of the composition of a glycoside having the formula



wherein

10 R is an aliphatic hydrocarbon radical having from 1 to 25 carbon atoms or is a radical with the formula $R_1(OR_2)_n$ which does not have more than 25 carbon atoms

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and wherein $n = 0$ to 24 and R_1 and R_2 are aliphatic hydrocarbon radicals,

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G is the residue of a saccharide moiety selected from the group consisting of fructose, glucose, mannose, galactose, talose, gulose, allose, altrose, idose, arabinose, xylose, lyxose, ribose, alkoxyated derivatives of any of the foregoing saccharides, or mixtures thereof, and x is 1 to 30.

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10. A composition as recited in Claim 9 wherein G is glucose, the composition has a pH in the range of about 0.1 to about 4, $x = 1$ to 10 and R is an alkyl group which is a straight chain or branched having 4 to 13 carbon atoms.

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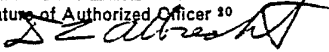
11. A composition as recited in Claim 10 wherein the glycoside comprises, on a total weight basis, from about 1 to about 20 percent by weight of the acidic aqueous composition.

12. A composition as recited in Claim 10 wherein the glycoside comprises, on a total weight basis, from about 1 to about 10 percent by weight of the acidic aqueous composition.

13. A composition as recited in Claim 12 wherein R is an alkyl group which is a straight chain or branched having 9 to 13 carbon atoms.

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IV. CERTIFICATION				
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V. OBSERVATIONS WHERE CERTAIN CLAIMS WERE FOUND UNSEARCHABLE ¹⁰

This international search report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2) (a) for the following reasons:

1. Claim numbers, because they relate to subject matter ¹³ not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:

2. Claim numbers, because they relate to parts of the international application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful international search can be carried out ¹³, specifically:

VI. OBSERVATIONS WHERE UNITY OF INVENTION IS LACKING ¹¹

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application as follows:

1. As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers all searchable claims of the international application.

2. As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers only those claims of the international application for which fees were paid, specifically claims:

3. No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this international search report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claim numbers:

4. As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, the International Searching Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.

Remark on Protest

The additional search fees were accompanied by applicant's protest.

No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.