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(54) Title: NON-PHOSPHATE DETERGENTS AND NON-PHOSPHORIC ACIDS IN AN ALTERNATING ALKALI/ACID SYSTEM FOR WAREWASHING

(57) Abstract: A method of warewashing for the optimization of cleaning is obtained, excess detergent usage is minimized and further where deposit of film on ware is reduced in an alternating acidic and alkaline cleaning method. According to the invention, the type of acid and alkalinity used, or acid salt formed upon application of the acidic and alkaline washes is important to cleaning performance and phosphate or silicates should be avoided.



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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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PCT/IB2012/052518**Box No. II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)**

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1. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
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Claim 13 is dependent on claim 14 and claim 14 is dependent on claim 13, thereby rendering the definition of the subject matter of the said claims unclear.
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