PROCESS FOR DYEING TEXTILE MATERIALS IN AN AQUEOUS BATH CONTAINING A DYESTUFF IN THE PRESENCE OF A TRIFUNCTIONAL TRI- AZINE

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This invention relates to improvements in the dyeing of textile materials such as yarns, filaments, fibers and fabrics having a basis of synthetic linear polyamides, as, for example, nylon. More particularly, the present invention relates to an improved process for dyeing yarns, filaments, fibers and fabrics made of, or essentially consisting of, synthetic linear polyamides with acid dyestuffs, complex metal dyestuffs or reactive dyestuffs or mixtures thereof.

It is well known in the art that textile materials made from polyamides can be dyed with various dyestuffs, for example, with acid wool dyestuffs, metal complex dyestuffs, chrome dyestuffs, at temperatures below and above 100 °C. However, the dyings thus produced are not satisfactory, because in most cases it is not possible to level irregularities of the yarn which are mainly caused by variations of the fiber and differences in stretching and fixing. These yarn irregularities are distinctly visible after dyeing as streaks, bands or in the form of an unsatisfied appearance, depending on the type of goods, and they considerably reduce the sales value of the goods.

To by-pass these drawbacks, it has been proposed, in addition to selecting a suitable dyestuff, to retard the dyeing process and to carry it out in the presence of swelling agents in order to augment the penetration into the fiber, and thus to prevent blocking effects. As swelling agents, there have been used, for example, phenols and chlorinated, aromatic substances. These products, however, involve a number of disadvantages. They are, in most cases, not simple to use and they are effective only in high concentrations. In addition, they are partly strongly absorbed by the fibers so that they can be removed later on with difficulty only and may then cause damage to the fibers. Although they reduce streakiness, they do not totally remove the streaks.

Furthermore, attempts have also been made to produce level dyings through control of the substantivity of the dyestuff by shifting the pH-value of the dyebath during dyeing by the addition of a potentially acid dyeing assistant to the bath. However, this process does not remove or level the streakiness of the fabric dyed.

Furthermore, it is known to use surface-active agents in the dyeing of polyamide fibers. Attempts have been made to produce level dyings by adding cation-active dyeing assistants to the dyebath which are capable of forming complexes with acid wool dyestuffs, and to retard their penetration into the fiber. This process, too, does not yield satisfactory results, because the cation-active products tend to precipitate the acid dyestuffs. Even the addition of non-ionic dispersing agents to the dyebath does not remove the difficulties and does not offer the required reliability.

Furthermore, there has been described the use of anion-active products which are added to the dyebath and which are to compete with the dyestuff for the free linking positions of the fiber. However, these products possess either such strong affinity for the polyamide fiber that all linking positions of the fiber are occupied by the dyeing assistant and that the dyebaths cannot be ex-
The compounds of the present invention permit dyeing at temperatures of up to 130°C. without the addition of protective agents and without incurring the risk of damaging the fibres. By application of this high temperature, in many cases the yield and the levelness are rather improved.

Another advantage in the use of the assistants of the present invention is that dull shades on polyamide textiles are obtained, since in practice the luster of the dyed goods has always been objected to.

The assistants having the Formula I can be prepared, for example, by reacting amines of the formula

\[ R \overset{\text{NII-A-(Z)\_}}{\text{H}} \]

with cyanuric chloride preferably in an aqueous medium, at a reaction temperature ranging from 0 to 100°C., while neutralizing the hydrogen chloride liberated.

As neutralizing agents, there may be preferably used mineral acid-binding agents, for example, alkali metal hydroxides, carbonates, or hydrogen carbonates, and alkaline earth metal hydroxides, carbonates or hydrogen carbonates.

As amines of the general formula

\[ R \overset{\text{NII-A-(Z)\_}}{\text{H}} \]

there may be used:

1-aminobenzene-2-sulfonic acid
1-aminobenzene-3-sulfonic acid
1-aminobenzene-4-sulfonic acid
1-aminobenzene-2,4-disulfonic acid
1-aminobenzene-2,5-disulfonic acid
4-aminotoluene-2-sulfonic acid
1-aminobenzene-4-chloro-3-sulfonic acid
β-amino-ethanol-sulfuric acid ester
β-N-methylamino-ethanesulfonic acid
1-aminobenzene-3-carboxylic acid
1-aminobenzene-4-carboxylic acid
1-aminobenzene-3,4-hydroxyethy1sulfone-sulfuric acid ester
1-aminobenzene-4,5-hydroxyethy1sulfone-sulfuric acid ester
β-sulfato-propionic acid (p-amino-phenylamide)
β-sulfanilamido-monooethyl sulfate
β-(methyl-N-p-amino phenyl-sulfamide)-monooethyl sulfate
2-amino-5-sulfobenzoic acid
1-amino-cyclohexane-4-sulfonic acid
1-aminohexamino-3,6-disulfonic acid
2-aminophenol-5-sulfonic acid

The 2,4,6-s-triazine - tri - aminobenzene - β-hydroxyethy1sulfone sulfuric acid esters can also be prepared by reacting cyanuric chloride with aminobenzene-β-hydroxyethy1sulfone in the melt or in a higher-boiling organic solvent, for example, xylene and subsequent esterification of the trihydroxy compound formed with concentrated sulfuric acid.

As complex-forming, weakly cation-active products which may be used, if required or desired, together with the compounds of the Formula I, there enter into consideration, for example, the addition products of alkylene oxide to amines or polyethylene polyamines, preferably the compounds obtained by the addition of 2-30 mols of ethylene oxide to 1 mol of an alkylamine having at least one alkyl radical with 8-18 carbon atoms or of a substituted alkylamine, for example, a compound of the formula

\[ R'-N=CH\_2 \]

in which R' stands for alkyl radical having 8-18 carbon atoms, or 1 mol of a polyalkylene polyamine such as ethylene diamine, diethylene triamine or hexamethylene diamine; condensation products of melamine, formaldehyde and one compound obtained by the addition of preferably 2-80 mols of ethylene oxide to 1 mol of triethanolamine, or the products obtained by acid condensation of formaldehyde and addition products of alkylene oxide, preferably of 8-50 mols of ethylene oxide to 1 mol of a mixture of a simple aromatic amine such, for example, as aniline and a phenol, and, if required and desired, a low molecular alkanolamine, especially triethanolamine.

Furthermore, there may be used the quaternization products of the above-specified compounds, for example, those obtained by the reaction with dimethyl sulfate.

The ratio of the anion-active to the cation-active compound used if desired or required, can vary within wide limits. Thus, as has already been mentioned, the anion-active compounds encompassed by the Formula I may be used with good results alone. When mixtures of the mentioned anion-active and cation-active compounds are used, the ratio of the individual components may be adjusted to the prevailing circumstances, especially in each individual case. The components can be used in equal amounts, but it generally proved advantageous to use an excess of anion-active compound. It is preferred to use a ratio of 3 parts by weight of anion-active compound to 1 part by weight of cation-active compound.

For stabilization, there may be added to the mixtures of anion-active and cation-active compounds, if desired or required, about 0.5-2% of a non-ionic surface-active compound, for example, the product obtained by the addition of 20-40 mols of ethylene oxide to 1 mol of an alkyl phenol having an alkyl radical with about 8-12 carbon atoms.

The dyeing conditions, such as the dyebath temperature, the pH of the dyebath, the proportion of dyestuff in the dyebath and the liquor ratio, may be varied as desired.

Thus the dyebath is preferably heated to a temperature of at least 80 to 90°C; mostly, the dyeing is carried out at the normal boiling point of the dyebath. Augmentation of the dyeing temperature to about 120-130°C. is possible, but is in most cases not necessary to obtain streakless dyeings with good depth of shade. The dyebath should have an acid pH. The pH value may range between about 3 and 6, preferably between 3 and 4.

In comparison with the quantity used of other known assistants, the small quantity of 0.5-3 percent by weight of the anion-active dyeing assistant or of the mixture of anion-active and cation-active substances according to the invention, which gives good results even with deep shades, is a considerable advantage. In many cases, a quantity of only 0.5-2 percent by weight, referred to the weight of the goods, will already be sufficient.

When using the compounds or mixtures according to the present invention, streakless, level dyeings on polyamide fibrous materials will be obtained. Changes of the depth of shade and of the shade itself do not occur or only in a practically insignificant degree. The drawbacks of the known processes are thereby obviated.

Furthermore, when using the products in the dyeing of polyamide fibers with acid wood dyestuffs, good wetting and rubbing fastnesses are obtained. Especially good results will in this case be obtained when using as anion-active compounds of the Formula I such as contain the group \( SO_2CH_2CH_2SO_3- \) (Y having the meaning given in Formula I and rinsing the goods after dyeing for 1 to 20 minutes at temperatures in the range of 60 and 90°C. with an aqueous alkaline bath in the presence of a high molecular compound containing at least 3 hydroxyl groups. During this treatment in the alkaline medium, there form reactive vinylsulfone groups in the anion-active
dyeing assistant which cause cross-linking with the added compounds containing hydroxy groups. This fastness-
 improving treatment can also be carried out by padding with alkyl and compounds containing hydroxyl groups
 the dyes produced on polyamide fabrics in the presence of compounds of the Formula I containing the group
 \(-SO_2-CH_2-CH_2-O\) and then further treating the fabric as usual on the stenter at temperatures in the range of
 90 and 180°C. for a period from 30 seconds to 10 minutes.

As alkyls for the aftertreatment, there may be used in particular alkali metal hydroxides, alkali metal carbonates
 and alkali metal bicarbonates, as well as alkali metal salts of organic acids which pass over into hydroxides or car-
 bonates at elevated temperatures. There are mentioned by way of example: sodium hydroxide, potassium hydrox-
 ide, sodium carbonate, potassium carbonate, and the corresponding bicarbonates, sodium acetate, potassium acetate
 as well as the sodium or potassium salt of trichloroacetic acid.

The alkyls are generally used in amounts from about 0.3 to 10 percent by weight, preferably 0.3 to 5 percent by
 weight, referred to the weight of the goods. The quantity should be so chosen as to give a pH of at least 8. If
 compounds are used, which pass into alkyls at elevated temperatures, for example, the sodium salt of trichloro-
 acetic acid, one can work under neutral or weakly acid conditions.

As higher molecular compounds of synthetic origin, with alcoholic hydroxyl groups, there enter into considera-
 tion for example, polyvinyl alcohol having K-values from about 10 to 100 (according to Fickenscher, Cellulo-
 sechemie, tome 13, page 38 (1932)), polyvinyl alcohol which can be either fully hydrolyzed or partly hydrolyzed
 and have a residual acetyl content of 0-30% as well as polyvinyl acetals containing hydroxyl groups, i.e. partly
 acetalized polyvinyl oils, for example, acetals with formaldehyde, acetaldehyde, benzaldehyde or other al(
 phatic or aromatic aldehydes, with an acetalization degree of 0-99% and K-values from 10 to 100. Furthermore,
 copolymers of monomeric vinyl compounds such as vinyl chloride, acryl acid esters, methacrylic acid esters, acryl-
 onitrile, styrene, etc. with vinyl esters such as vinyl formiate, vinyl acetate, vinyl propionate, etc., into which
 hydroxyl groups have been introduced by partial hydrolysis.

The proportion of vinyl ester groups in the mentioned copolymers can vary between 0.5 and 99%, the degree of
 hydrolysis of the vinyl ester component can vary from about 10 to 100%. Furthermore, there are also suitable
 resins or partially hydrolyzed graft polymers of vinyl esters with polyethylene glycols, for example, those obtained
 according to the German specifications 1,081,229 and 1,094,457.

As hydroxyl-containing compounds of natural origin there may be used inter alia carbohydrates such as starches
 (wheat starch, rice starch, potato starch, etc.) tragacanth, tannin, locust bean flour as well as locust bean
 flour that are partially etherified with lower, mono- or dihydroxy aliphatic hydrocarbons having 1-4 carbon atoms,
 modified starch preparations for example, British rubber, sugar, and sugar alcohols, furthermore cellulose esterified
 with lower carboxylic acids or lower alcohols having 1-4 carbon atoms or etherified cellulose, for example, methyl
 cellulose, carboxymethyl cellulose, etc.

The following examples illustrate the invention, but they are not intended to limit it thereto:

**Example 1**

100 parts of a polyamide fabric consisting in warp and beam of endless filaments, normally dyeing with steaks
 only, are dyed in a closed dyeing apparatus for 1 hour
 at 100°C. with 2 parts of an acid wool dyestuff strongly
 responding to yarn irregularities and having the general formula

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\text{Example 2}
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100 parts of the fabric described in Example 1 are dyed
 as described in Example 1 with a dyebath having the
 following composition:

3 parts of the acid wool dyestuff of the constitution

**Example 3**

100 parts of the polyamide fabric which can be dyed
 with steaks only and which is described in Example 1,
are dyed with 2 parts of the complex chrome 2:1 dyestuff obtained from 2 molecules of the following compound:

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\begin{align*}
&\text{SO}_2-\text{NH}_2 \\
&\text{N}=\text{N}-\text{C}:- \text{HO-} \text{N} \text{OH} \text{N} \text{Cl} \text{Cl}
\end{align*}
\]

3 parts of 2,4,6-tri-(1-aminobenzene-3-potassium sulfonate)-s-triazine, 1 part of the condensation product from 6 mols of formaldehyde, 1 mol of melamine and 1 mol of the product of the addition of 30 mols of ethylene oxide to 1 mol of triethanolamine, prepared by condensation in an acid medium, and subsequently quaternized with dimethyl sulfate, 0.73 part of the product of the addition of 30 mols of ethylene oxide to 1 mol of nonyl phenol (30% strength), 3 parts of acetic acid (30% strength), 1000 parts of water, in a closed dyeing apparatus, while bringing the bath to the above temperature of 100° C. in the course of 1 hour, dyeing for 45 minutes at this temperature and finally dyeing for 15 minutes at 120° C.

After rinsing and drying, there is obtained a streakless, orange dyeing having good fastness properties. Instead of the above described cation-active product, there can be used with the same success 1 part of a compound obtained by heating 213 g. of the product of the addition of 616 g. (14 mols) of ethylene oxide to 93 g. (1 mol) aniline with 28.2 g. of phenol and 60 cc. of formaldehyde solution of 30% strength in the presence of 40 cc. of sulfuric acid of 64% strength, while stirring and in the course of 50 minutes, to 100–105° C., adjusting the pH-value of the solution to 9 by adding sodium hydroxide solution, and methylating the condensation product at 50–60° C. by adding 91 g. of dimethyl sulfate, whereupon 291 g. of the quaternary condensation product are obtained in the form of a solution.

**Example 4**

100 parts of the polyamide fabric described in Example 1 which can be dyed with streaks only are dyed under the conditions described in Example 1 with a dyebath having the following composition:

2 parts of the reactive dyestuff of the constitution

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\begin{align*}
&\text{SO}_2-\text{NH}_2 \\
&\text{N}=\text{N}-\text{C}:- \text{HO-} \text{N} \text{OH} \text{N} \text{Cl} \text{Cl}
\end{align*}
\]

3 parts of 2,4,6-tri-(1-aminobenzene-3-potassium sulfonate)-s-triazine, 1 part of the condensation product from 12 mols of ethylene oxide and 1 mol of stearyl amine (30%), 2 parts of acetic acid (30% strength), 1000 parts of water.

After rinsing and drying, there is obtained a streakless fast yellow dyeing corresponding in depth of shade and shade to an untreated dyeing.

10 parts of the fabric described in Example 1 are dyed, after singeing, for 10 minutes at 30° C., with a bath having the following composition:

1000 parts of water, 3 parts of 2,4,6-tri-(1-naphthylamino-3,6-disulfonic acid)-s-triazine, 1 part of the compound

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\begin{align*}
&\text{R} - \text{N} - (\text{CH}_2\text{OH})_3 \text{Cl} \\
&\text{CH}_2 - \text{Ca}\text{R}_2
\end{align*}
\]

(R meaning soya bean oil), 0.25 part of a nonyl phenol oxethylated with 20 mols of ethylene oxide, and 3 parts of acetic acid (30% strength).

100 parts of the fabric described in Example 1, which can be dyed with streaks only, are dyed with a combination of acid dyestuffs of 4 parts of the red dyestuff A, 3.6 parts of the yellow dyestuff B, 0.05 part of the blue dyestuff C.

**Dyestuff A:**

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\begin{align*}
&\text{CH} \text{SO} - \text{N}=\text{N} \text{-G-G-CH} \\
&\text{&H}, \text{CE OH-5 N H2 3. N OSO3H}
\end{align*}
\]

**Dyestuff B:**

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\begin{align*}
&\text{H}_2\text{C} - \text{C-CH ot s NH} \\
&\text{Y. -Cl W r CE coupled with} \\
&\text{HO-S coupled with}
\end{align*}
\]

**Dyestuff C:**

1.6 parts of 2,4,6,6-tri-(1-aminobenzene-3-potassium sulfonate)-s-triazine, 0.5 part of the condensation product of 12 mols of ethylene oxide and stearyl amine (30%), 3 parts of acetic acid (30% strength), and 1000 parts of water for 1 hour at 100° C., rinsed and dried.

There is obtained a red, streakless and level dyeing corresponding to an untreated dyeing with regard to depth of shade and shade.

Instead of 1.6 parts of 2,4,6,6-tri-(1-aminobenzene-3-potassium sulfonate)-s-triazine, there may also be used 1.6 parts of 2,4,6,6-tri-(1-aminobenzene-2-sodium sulfonate)-s-triazine.

**Example 5**

100 parts of the fabric described in Example 1 are dyed, after singeing, for 10 minutes at 30° C., with a bath having the following composition:

1000 parts of water, 3 parts of 2,4,6-tri-(1-naphthylamino-3,6-disulfonic acid)-s-triazine, 1 part of the compound

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\begin{align*}
&\text{R} - \text{N} - (\text{CH}_2\text{OH})_3 \text{Cl} \\
&\text{CH}_2 - \text{Ca}\text{R}_2
\end{align*}
\]

(R meaning soya bean oil), 0.25 part of a nonyl phenol oxethylated with 20 mols of ethylene oxide, and 3 parts of acetic acid (30% strength).
To the dyebath are then added through a sieve 3 parts of the complex chrome 2:1 dyestuff of 2 molecules of the following composition

as aqueous solution, the whole is heated within 30 minutes to 100° C. and dyeing is carried out for 60 minutes at this temperature.

The dyed goods are then rinsed and dried. There is obtained a level grey dyeing.

Without the addition of the dyeing assistant, the nodules formed by the singeing would be dyed deeper owing to their greater affinity for the dyestuff than the fabric.

Example 7

100 parts of the fabric described in Example 1 are dyed for 15 minutes at 30° C. with a bath having the following composition: 1000 parts of water, 3 parts of 2,4,6-tri-(1-aminobenzene-2,4-disulfonic acid)-s-triazine, 1 part of the condensation product of 6 moles of ethylene oxide and 1 mol of laurylamine, and 3 parts of acetic acid (30% strength).

2 parts of the dyestuff of the formula

are then added to the dyebath through a sieve, the whole is heated within 40 minutes to the boiling temperature and dyeing is carried out for 60 minutes at 100° C. After rinsing and drying, there is obtained a level streak-free royal blue dyeing.

We claim:

1. Process for dyeing textile materials having a basis of a synthetic linear polyamide, which comprises bringing said textile materials into contact with an aqueous dyebath containing a dyestuff for said materials in the presence of a colorless compound of the formula

in which R is a member selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and a low molecular alkyl radical, A is a member selected from the group consisting of an alkylene radical having 1-4 carbon atoms, a phenylene and a naphthylene radical, a substituted phenylene and a substituted naphthylene radical, Z is a member selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and a salt-forming cation) and n is an integer from 1 to 3, as an assistant for levelling the dyeing.

2. The process as defined in claim 1, in which the complex-forming weakly cationic active product is an addition product of 2 to 30 mols of ethylene oxide per mol of an alkylamine having an alkyl radical with 8 to 18 carbon atoms.

3. Process for dyeing textile materials having a basis of a synthetic linear polyamide, which comprises bringing said textile materials into contact with an aqueous dye-

bath containing an acid wool dyestuff in the presence of a colorless compound of the formula

in which R is a member selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and a low molecular alkyl radical, A is a member selected from the group consisting of an alkylene radical having 1-4 carbon atoms, a phenylene and a naphthylene radical, a substituted phenylene and a substituted naphthylene radical, Z represents the group —SO₂—CH₂—CH₂—OSO₃Na (Y being a member selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and a salt-forming cation) and n is an integer from 1 to 3, as an assistant for levelling the dyeing, and rinsing the dyed materials in an aqueous alkaline bath containing a high molecular compound having at least 3 hydroxyl groups.

4. The process as defined in claim 1, in which the compound of the formula

is used as the assistant for levelling the dyeing.

5. Process for dyeing textile materials having a basis of a synthetic linear polyamine, which comprises bringing said textile materials into contact with an aqueous dyebath containing a dyestuff for said materials in the presence of a colorless compound of the formula

in which R is a member selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and a low molecular alkyl radical, A is a member selected from the group consisting of an alkylene radical having 1-4 carbon atoms, a phenylene and a naphthylene radical, a substituted phenylene and a substituted naphthylene radical, Z is a member selected from the group consisting of —SO₂—, —COOY, and —SO₂CH₂CH₂OSO₃Na (Y being a member selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and a salt-forming cation) and n is an integer from 1 to 3, and a complex-forming weakly cationic active product as assistants for levelling the dyeing.

6. A process as defined in claim 5, wherein the complex-forming weakly cationic active product is an addition product of 2 to 30 mols of ethylene oxide per mol of an alkylamine having an alkyl radical with 8 to 18 carbon atoms.

7. The process as defined in claim 1 wherein the assistant for levelling the dyeing is 2,4,6-tri-(1-aminobenzene-3-potassium sulfonate)-s-triazine.

8. The process as defined in claim 1 wherein the assistant for levelling the dyeing is 2,4,6-tri-(1-naphthylaminomethane-3,6-disulfonic acid)-s-triazine.

9. The process as defined in claim 1 wherein the assistant for levelling the dyeing is 2,4,6-tri-(1-aminobenzenemethane-2,4-disulfonic acid)-s-triazine.

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