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PROCESS FOR PREPARING TRIMETHYL- HYDROQUINONE

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Process for preparing trimethylhydroquinone by contacting 2,6,6-trimethylcyclohex-2-ene-1,4-dione with an acylating agent in the presence of an acid catalyst. Trimethylhydroquinone diester is formed first, which may be hydrolyzed by treatment with aqueous acid or base. When the hydrolysis mixture cools, trimethylhydroquinone may be separated therefrom.