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Abstract (en)

[origin: EP0535475A2] Suitable for fractionating mixtures of meltable high molecular weight organic substances, especially fats, are crystallisation in solvents, wetting agent fractionation and dry fractionation. In the latter process, the mixture of substances is initially melted and subsequently the crystal-containing suspension is fractionated into a solid and a liquid fraction, e.g. a stearin fraction and an olein fraction. This process is to be improved by following the melting by passing through the three phases of precooling, formation of crystal nuclei and crystal maturation and, during this, in each case the mixture of substances is subjected to a particular thermal or thermal and mechanical treatment which is adapted to the particular phase. The thermal treatment is carried out by controlling the temperature of the cooling medium, the temperature of the mixture of substances and the difference in temperature between mixture of substances and cooling medium in two or more consecutive cooling devices in which the heat flux is controlled in a particular way. Provided for the mechanical treatment are, for example, shear processes which are generated with fixed shear rates by moving fittings inside the cooling devices.

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