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METHOD FOR THE HYDROPHILIC FINISHING OF FIBRES ON THE BASIS OF POLYOLEFINS OR POLYESTER, USING ALKYLETHOXYLATES

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PROCEDE D'APPRETAGE HYDROPHILE DE FIBRES A BASE DE POLYOLEFINE OU DE POLYESTER AVEC UTILISATION D'ALKYLETHOXYLATES

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[origin: DE19851687A1] The invention relates to a method for the hydrophilic finishing of fibres which consist exclusively or entirely of polyolefins or polyester. According to the invention a mixture containing (a) mostly polyolefins or polyester and (b) between 0.01 and 10 % by weight, in relation to the sum of polyolefin or polyester, of a composition containing at least one compound from the class of alkylethoxylates, is subjected at temperatures of between 180 and 320 DEG C and in the usual manner to a moulding process yielding fibres. The invention is characterized in that (i) no transition-metal compounds are added to the mixture subjected to the moulding process, either before or during said process; (ii) the alkylethoxylates (b) have the general structure R-O-(CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-O)<sub>x</sub>H, where the rest R is an alkyl rest with between 8 and 14 carbon atoms and x is a number between 4 and 10; and (iii) in the individual wetting test the alkylethoxylates (b) require at least four wetting cycles until failure.

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