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PROCESS FOR PRODUCING POLYETHER CARBONATE POLYOLS

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VERFAHREN ZUR HERSTELLUNG VON POLYETHERCARBONATPOLYOLEN

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PROCÉDÉ DE PRODUCTION DE POLYÉTHÉR CARBONATE POLYOLS

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Abstract (en)  
[origin: WO2021185710A1] The invention relates to a process for starting up a reactor for the continuous production process of polyether carbonate polyols by the addition of alkylene oxide and carbon dioxide in the presence of a DMC catalyst and/or a metal complex catalyst based on the metals cobalt and/or zinc to an H-functional starter substance, in which process: (α) a portion of the H-functional starter substance and/or a suspension medium which has no H-functional groups is/are mixed in a reactor with a DMC catalyst and/or a metal complex catalyst based on the metals zinc and/or cobalt, the DMC catalyst and/or the metal complex catalyst having a concentration  $s$  in the mixture; and (γ), after step (α), the H-functional starter substance, alkylene oxide and DMC catalyst and/or a metal complex catalyst based on the metals zinc and/or cobalt are continuously fed into the reactor during the addition process and the resulting reaction mixture is removed from the reactor, and a steady state is achieved, characterised in that in step (α), the concentration  $s$  of the catalyst used, in relation to the mixture resulting from step (α), is in the range of  $10\ y \geq s \geq 1.1\ y$ , where  $y$  is the catalyst concentration, in relation to the reaction mixture in step (γ), of the steady state in step (γ), and in that in step (γ), alkylene oxide is fed in at a mass flow rate of  $X1$  and  $X1$  is continuously increased until the mass flow rate  $X2$ , which is required for the steady state in the reactor, is achieved, and the time until  $X2$  is achieved is at least one hour.

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