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(54) **A process for preparing granules for detergent compositions.**

(57) There is disclosed a process for preparing granules for incorporation into a detergent composition, which process comprises the steps of

(a) tumbling together in a rotating pan a finely divided particulate smectite clay and a finely divided particulate zeolite in a weight ratio of from 1 :9 to 9 :1 whilst sufficient water is added slowly to the resultant mixture to bind the particles together to form granules of a mixture of said smectite clay and said zeolite ; and

(b) drying the resultant granules to reduce the water content to not more than 20% of the total weight of the granules.

Also disclosed is a detergent composition including said granules.



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