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54 **Wool scouring.**

57 Wool containing wool grease is scoured by a method including a hot suint bowl treatment, which method comprises the steps of (a) treating the wool with an aqueous medium containing a building agent capable of reducing the level of free calcium and/or magnesium therein and having a temperature of at least 45°C and thereafter (b) treating the wool with an aqueous medium having a pH of at least 8, containing a detergent and having a temperature of at least 45°C.



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