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W-2000 Hamburg 52 (DE)(54) **Biodegradable bleach stabilizers for detergents.**

(57) A process of stabilizing bleaching agents in a detergent composition using a nonphosphorus-containing biodegradable stabilizer. The process involves incorporating into a detergent composition having a bleaching agent an alkyliminodiacetic acid compound or a sodium, potassium or ammonium salt thereof, in an amount sufficient to stabilize the bleaching agent. Novel detergent compositions containing the bleach stabilizers are also disclosed.

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