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(54) **A method for programming the laundering process, in particular the drying process, in devices that handle fabrics, such as washing machines, clothes dryers, spin dryers etc.**

(57) The invention concerns a method for programming the laundering process, in particular the drying process, of fabric items pretreated with substances like water, solvent, lye or fabric softener and introduced into the laundering chamber of a laundering device, such as a washing machine, clothes dryer, spin dryer, etc., contingent upon the fabric type of the fabric items. By meas-

uring the conductivity value of the fabric items introduced into the laundering chamber and ascertainment of the fabric type in comparison with stored conductivity value ranges and laundering parameters assigned to the fabric types, a fully automated program can be achieved.

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