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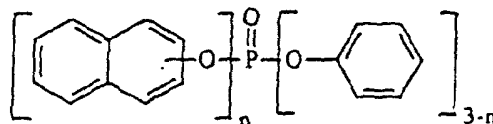
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LTD.****Osaka-shi, Osaka 541-0046 (JP)**(54) **PROCESS FOR PREPARATION OF PHOSPHORIC ESTERS**

(57) A process for preparing a phosphoric ester, comprising: Step (1) of reacting naphthol with phosphorus oxychloride in a molar ratio of 1:1.3 or more in the presence of a metallic halide and removing unreacted phosphorus oxychloride and Step (2) of reacting the reaction product of Step (1) with phenol in a molar ratio (molar ratio of chlorine contained in the reaction product to phenol) of 1:1-1.5 and removing hydrogen chloride produced as a by-product to thereby obtain a phosphoric ester represented by the general formula (I):



wherein n is 1 or 2.

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