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(54) **PROCESS FOR PREPARING METHIONINE**

(57) The present invention relates to a process for preparing methionine, comprising the alkaline hydrolysis of 5-(2-methylmercaptoethyl)-hydantoin (methionine hydantoin) in an aqueous process solution comprising alkali metal hydroxide and/or alkali metal carbonate and/or al-

kali metal hydrogencarbonate wherein the alkali metal cations in the process solution are potassium and sodium having a K/Na molar ratio range from 99/1 to 20/80 and to an aqueous fertilizer resulting from this process.

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