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54 **Calcium-sequestering agents based on oxidised carbohydrates and their use as builders for detergents.**

57 A mixture including oxidised glucosidic oligomers including at least 60% by weight of glucosidic oligomers with degrees of polymerisation of from 2 to 10 which can be produced by the hydrolytic demolition of starches and/or dextrin with endoenzymes and the oxidation of the enzymatic hydrolytic demolition product with an oxidising agent selected from hypochlorite and periodate in association with chlorite is usable as a builder for detergents.

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