

C11C

FATTY ACIDS FROM FATS, OILS OR WAXES; CANDLES; FATS, OILS OR FATTY ACIDS BY CHEMICAL MODIFICATION OF FATS, OILS, OR FATTY ACIDS OBTAINED THEREFROM

Definition statement

This subclass/group covers:

- Methods and apparatus for preparation of fatty acids from fats, fatty oils, or waxes; compositions thereof
- Refining the fatty acids; methods and apparatus thereof
- Fats, oils, or fatty acids by chemical modification of fats, oils, or fatty acids obtained therefrom; methods and apparatus thereof
- Candles; compositions therefor, processes and apparatus for production thereof

Relationship between large subject matter areas

The use of fatty acids, fats, oils or waxes for different purposes should be classified in appropriate application places, e.g. using fatty acids esters of higher fatty acids as emulsifiers should relate to [B01F 17/06](#); using fatty acids as active ingredients for mortars, concrete or artificial stone - to [C04B 24/04](#); using oils, fats, or waxes and derivatives thereof in cosmetics or toilet preparations - to [A61K 8/92](#); using fats, fatty oils, ester type waxes, higher fatty acids, oxidized oils or fats as active ingredients for mortars, concrete or artificial stone - to [C04B 24/08](#); using fatty oil as lubricating composition base - to [C10M 101/04](#).

C07 covers production or working up chemically synthesized substances, e.g. synthetic waxes, whereas subclass [C11C](#) covers synthesis of substances from natural materials.

[C11B](#) covers the production, purification/refining, recovery from waste material or working up of oils and fats (e.g. animal or vegetable oils). [C11B](#) does not cover obtaining fatty acid or chemical modification of fats, oils or fatty acid from fat, fatty oils or waxes, which are covered by [C11C](#).

[A23D](#) covers edible oils or fats and compositions thereof, e.g. margarines, shortenings, cooking oils and provides for subject matter relating to working up or preservation of finished products. Obtaining or refining fatty acid or chemically modified fat, oils or fatty acids including edible oils or fats are covered by subclass [C11C](#), e.g. hydrogenating is covered by [C11C 3/12](#).

The various uses of fatty acids for different purposes is classified in corresponding places (see references).

References relevant to classification in this subclass

This subclass/group does not cover:

Preparation of carboxylic acid esters	C07C 67/00 ,
Separation, purification, stabilisation, or use of additives associated with the preparation of carboxylic acid esters	C07C 67/48
Esters of carboxylic acids, e.g. fatty acid esters	C07C 69/00
Sulfonated fats or oils	C07C 309/62
Epoxidised fats	C07D 303/42
Natural vulcanized oils, e.g. factice	C08H 3/00
Compositions of oils, fats or waxes; Compositions of derivatives thereof	C08L 91/00
Production, refining, preservation of fats	C11B
Recovery of fatty acids from waste materials	C11B 13/00
Preparation of fats, fatty oils, ester-type waxes, higher fatty acids or oxidized oils or fats using enzymes or microorganisms	C12P 7/64
Lighting devices	F21

Informative references

Attention is drawn to the following places, which may be of interest for search:

Fuels from fatty acids (Biodiesel)	C10L
Lubricants from fatty acids	C10M

Glossary of terms

In this subclass/group, the following terms (or expressions) are used with the meaning indicated:

Fat	Esters of glycerol and fatty acids, generally in solid form
Fatty acid	A carboxylic acid consisting of a hydrocarbon chain, which may have unsaturations and a terminal carboxyl group
Oil	Fat which is in liquid form
Esterification	Reaction between acid and alcohol resulting in ester bond
Hydrogenation	Chemical process that adds hydrogen atoms to a molecule
Isomerizing	Process by which one molecule is transformed into another molecule which has exactly the same atoms
Lipid	Organic compounds based on fatty acids, generally hydrophobic
Wax	Any of a group of substances composed of hydrophobic hydrocarbons, alcohols, fatty acids, and esters that are solid at ambient temperatures.

Synonyms and Keywords

In patent documents the following abbreviations are often used:

FA	Fatty acid
DE	Degree of esterification
FAME	Fatty Acid Methyl Ester
PUFA	Polyunsaturated Fatty Acid

HUFA	Highly Unsaturated Fatty Acid
TG	Triglyceride
MG	Monoglyceride
DG	Diglyceride

C11C 1/00

**Preparation of fatty acids from fats, fatty oils, or waxes;
Refining the fatty acids (recovery of fatty acids from waste
materials C11B13/00)**

Definition statement

This subclass/group covers:

Production of fatty acids in general.

C11C 1/002

**[N: Sources of fatty acids, e.g. natural glycerides,
characterised by the nature, the quantities or the distribution
of said acids]**

Definition statement

This subclass/group covers:

Sources selected for production of particular types of fatty acids (e.g. HUFA, PUFA, CLA, branched fatty acids, etc.)

C11C 1/005

**[N: Splitting up mixtures of fatty acids into their constituents
(processes intended for both fats and fatty acids C11B7/00)]**

Definition statement

This subclass/group covers:

Processes specifically for separating fatty acids (e.g. stearic from oleic, CLA from C18 in general)

C11C 1/007

[N: using organic solvents]

Definition statement

This subclass/group covers:
Recovery and refining of fatty acids specifically.

C11C 1/02

from fats or fatty oils

Definition statement

This subclass/group covers:
Recovery and refining of fatty acids specifically from pre-separated oils/fats in general.

C11C 1/025

[N: by saponification and release of fatty acids]

Definition statement

This subclass/group covers:
Recovery and refining of fatty acids specifically from pre-separated oils/fats using base hydrolysis.

C11C 1/04

by hydrolysis

Definition statement

This subclass/group covers:
Recovery and refining of fatty acids specifically from pre-separated oils/fats using non-base hydrolysis.

C11C 1/045

[N: using enzymes or microorganisms, living or dead]

Definition statement

This subclass/group covers:
Preparation of fatty acids from fatty acid containing material, e.g. hydrolysis of fats or fatty oils using esterase, lipase to prepare fatty acids

C11C 1/06

using solid catalysts

Definition statement

This subclass/group covers:
e.g. clays, resins, etc.

C11C 1/08

Refining

Definition statement

This subclass/group covers:
Undefined processes for removing undesired material from fatty acids.

C11C 1/10

by distillation

Definition statement

This subclass/group covers:
Processes for removing undesired material from fatty acids where process depends on change to gaseous phase., e.g. distillation, short path, wiped film

C11C 1/103

[N: after or with the addition of chemicals]

Definition statement

This subclass/group covers:
E.g. steam.

C11C 1/106

[N: inert gases or vapors]

Definition statement

This subclass/group covers:
Refining of fatty acids by distillation after or with the addition of inert gases or vapors, e.g.CO₂, inert co-solvents,

C11C 3/00

Fats, oils, or fatty acids by chemical modification of fats, oils, or fatty acids obtained therefrom (sulfonated fats or oils C07C309/62 ; factice C08H; drying oils C09F)

Informative references

Attention is drawn to the following places, which may be of interest for search:

Derivative of natural macromolecular compounds	C08H
Natural resins; French polish; drying oils	C09F

C11C 3/003

[N: by esterification of fatty acids with alcohols (C11C3/02 takes precedence)]

Definition statement

This subclass/group covers:

Preparation of fatty acid esters where fatty acid containing material is esterified with an alcohol per se.

C11C 3/006

[N: by oxidation]

Definition statement

This subclass/group covers:

Fats, oils, or fatty acids obtained by oxidation, e.g. epoxidation, peroxidation, lactones,

C11C 3/02

by esterification of fatty acids with glycerol

Definition statement

This subclass/group covers:

Preparation of fatty acid esters where fatty acids which are not esterified are esterified with glycerol.

C11C 3/04

by esterification of fats or fatty oils

Definition statement

This subclass/group covers:

Preparation of fatty acid esters where non-free fatty acid containing material is esterified.

Special rules of classification within this group

General esterification reactions (i.e. transesterification, interesterification)

C11C 3/06

with glycerol

Definition statement

This subclass/group covers:

Preparation of fatty acid esters where non-free fatty acid containing material is esterified with glycerol (e.g. triglyceride reaction with glycerol)

C11C 3/08

with fatty acids

Definition statement

This subclass/group covers:

Preparation of fatty acid esters where non-free fatty acid containing material is esterified with a free fatty acid, for example triglyceride reacted with oleic acid

C11C 3/10

Ester interchange

Definition statement

This subclass/group covers:

Preparation of fatty acid esters where non-free fatty acid containing material is esterified with esterified material, for example triglyceride with ethyl stearate, triglyceride with diglyceride, interesterification.

C11C 3/12

by hydrogenation

C11C 3/123

[N: using catalysts based principally on nickel or derivatives]

Definition statement

This subclass/group covers:

Preparation of fats, oils or fatty acids by hydrogenation using catalysts based principally on nickel or derivatives, i.e. any compounds derived from a nickel based compound , e.g. nickel based organometallic

C11C 3/126

[N: using catalysts based principally on other metals or derivatives]

Definition statement

This subclass/group covers:

Preparation of fats, oils or fatty acids by hydrogenation using catalysts based principally on other metals or derivatives, i.e. any compounds derived from a other metal based compound , e.g. other metal based organometallic

C11C 3/14

by isomerisation [N: (isomerisation induced by hydrogenation C11C3/12)]

C11C 5/00

Candles

Definition statement

This subclass/group covers:

Wick containing products and processes to prepare.

C11C 5/002

[N: Ingredients]

Definition statement

This subclass/group covers:

E.g. fuel components, blends, additives, etc.

C11C 5/004

[N: dyes, pigments; products giving a coloured flame]

C11C 5/006

[N: wicks, related accessories]

Definition statement

This subclass/group covers:

wicks, wicks related accessories of a candle, eg. wick holders, wick components, wick clips, etc.

C11C 5/008

[N: Candles characterised by their form; Composite candles, e.g. candles containing zones of different composition, inclusions, or the like]

Definition statement

This subclass/group covers:

E.g. decorative, aesthetic, novelty, segmented, etc.

C11C 5/02

Apparatus for preparation thereof

Definition statement

This subclass/group covers:

Methods and apparatus for candle making

C11C 5/021

[N: by compressing solid materials in a mould without heating]

Definition statement

This subclass/group covers:

Processes using pressure and no external heat

C11C 5/023

[N: by casting or melting in a mould]

Definition statement

This subclass/group covers:

Processes whereby candle material is poured

C11C 5/025

[N: by dipping a wick in a melt]

Definition statement

This subclass/group covers:

Processes involving repetitive dipping of wick into molten candle material

C11C 5/026

[N: by a continuous process, e.g. by extrusion by conveying a melt together with the wick through a solidification zone]

Definition statement

This subclass/group covers:

Processes whereby candle material is continuously injection molded or extruded

C11C 5/028

[N: by shaping a preform, e.g. forming the butts, trimming]

Definition statement

This subclass/group covers:

Processes whereby the candle is carved or compressed into shape from preformed candle.