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Notice of Pre-AIA or AIA Status

The present application, filed on or after March 16, 2013, is being examined under the first inventor to file provisions of the AIA.

Information Disclosure Statement

The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on 8/28/2019 and 2/26/2021 is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the information disclosure statement was considered by the examiner.

Claim Objections

Claim 2 is objected to because of the following informalities: It is suggested that Applicant change claim 2, line 1 from "the agrochemical is" to "the agrochemical is selected from the group consisting of" for clarity.) Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 112(b):

(b) CONCLUSION.—The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the inventor or a joint inventor regards as the invention.

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 112 (pre-AIA), second paragraph:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claim 5 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112(b) or 35 U.S.C. 112 (pre-AIA), second paragraph, as being a use claim which fails to recite steps of use. See MPEP §2173.5(q). The metes and bounds of the claim are unclear because the process fails to set forth any steps involved in the process of use. The claims have been treated as composition claims in order to advance prosecution.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

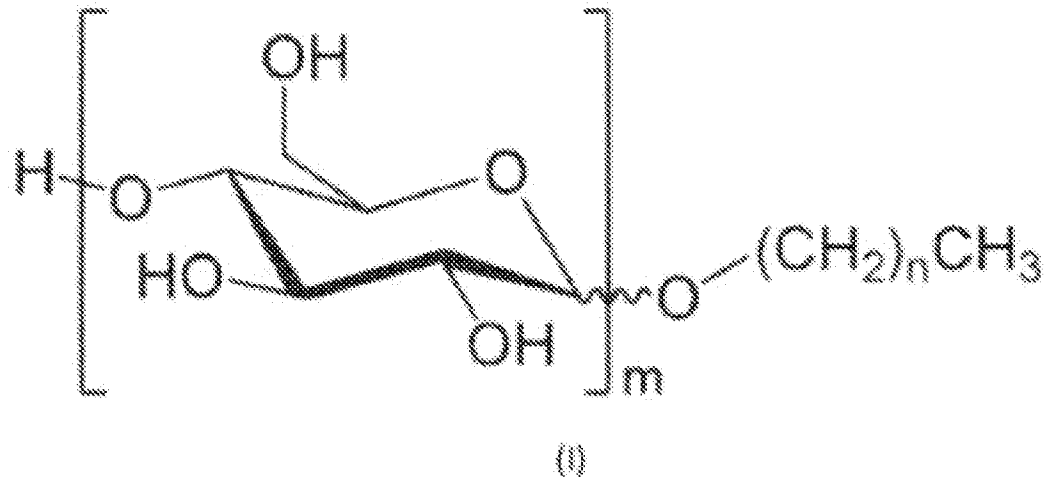
The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Merlet et al. (US 2011/0082037; publication date April 7, 2011) in view of Croda (Speciality ingredients for personal care 2nd Edition, November 2005).

Applicant's Invention

Applicant claims a composition comprising (i) an alkyl polyglucoside of formula I, where n is from 7-11; and m is from 1-3;



(ii) a non-ionic surfactant which is not an alkyl polyglucoside with an HLB greater than or equal to 12; and (iii) an agrochemical which has a water solubility of less than 300 g/l, where the concentration of (i) is greater than or equal to (ii).

Determination of the scope and the content of the prior art

(MPEP 2141.01)

Merlet et al. teach an adjuvant blend comprising (a) and alk(en)yl oligoglycoside alkoxyate and b) a primary alcohol ethoxyate which improves the activity of various biocides (abstract). The alkyl

oligoglycosides have a formula I, $R^1O[G]_p$ wherein R1 is a 6-22 alkyl, G is a sugar unit having 5 or 6 atoms and p is a number from 1-10 [0010-11].

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