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### **LIQUID CONCENTRATED AQUEOUS SOLUTIONS OF SALTS OF ALKYL ETHER CARBOXYLIC ACID, AND A PROCESS FOR PREPARING SUCH SOLUTION**

**(U.S. Patent No. 5,490,950,, Issued: February 13, 1996)  
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