MODIFIED FATTY ACID RAW MATERIALS IN TECHNOLOGICAL SYSTEMS

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Used edible oil was modified to produce hydroxylated fatty acids as an emulsifierstabilizer for various functional purposes. Hydroxylated fatty acids were synthesized by epoxidation of unsaturated fatty acids or their mixture, which is part of the oil and fat raw material, followed by hydrolysis by acylglycerol grouping and oxirane rings. The general reaction scheme is as follows:

The structure of the synthesised products was determined by infrared spectroscopy. The results of these studies confirm the formation of hydroxylated fatty acids under the selected reaction conditions [1–3]. The reaction of carbonyl fragments confirms the disappearance of bands 1745 cm⁻¹ and 1160 cm⁻¹, C=O groups of esters and the appearance of bands in the region of 1700 cm⁻¹, 1420 cm⁻¹ and 1290 cm⁻¹ corresponding to the formed acid groups. In addition, the hydroxylated products obtained are confirmed by the disappearance of the epoxide peak at 822 cm⁻¹ and the appearance of a broad, flat band in the range 3250–3550 cm⁻¹ with a maximum of 3370 cm⁻¹, corresponding to -OH groups formed as a result of the opening of the epoxy ring.

In terms of physical state, the hydroxy acids of used edible oil are characterized by a saponification number of 182.7 mg KOH/g, a melting point of 74 °C, an iodine number of 0.9 g $I_2/100$ g, and an acid number of 178.1 mg KOH/g. The synthesized emulsifier is well-compatible with almost all traditional petroleum and synthetic base oils. The developed thixotropic systems using hydroxylated fatty acids can be used in the workover of oil and gas wells, as well as for the development of complex greases with improved performance properties.

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