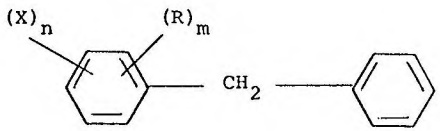
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In the use of certain halogenated diphenylmethanes having optional alkyl-substitution as dielectric fluids, heat transfer fluids, hydraulic fluids, plasticizers or dye solvents, the improvement which comprises enhancing biodegradability of said halogenated diphenylmethanes by prohibiting any substitution in one phenyl ring to thus obtain halogenated diphenylmethanes represented by the structure



where each X is individually chlorine, bromine or fluorine; n is a whole number from 1 to 4; each R is individually an alkyl group having from 1 to 5 carbon atoms; and m is zero or a whole number from 1 to 3.

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