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ARE CONTAMINATED WITH PHENOLS, AROMATIC AMINES, ORGANIC HALIDES AND/OR HEAVY METALS

**A1 (54) Título:** EXTRACTO DE ALCACHOFA (*CYNARA SCOLYMUS, L.*) Y SU EMPLEO EN LA DESCONTAMINACIÓN DE  
MEDIOS CONTAMINADOS CON FENOLES, AMINAS AROMÁTICAS, HALUROS ORGÁNICOS Y/O METALES PESADOS

**(57) Abstract:** The artichoke extract comprises enzymes with peroxidase and polyphenol oxidase activity, can be obtained from waste materials (stems, leaves and bracts) of artichokes through homogenization of said wastes in an aqueous medium, and can be used to decontaminate liquid, solid and semi-solid media which have been contaminated with phenols, aromatic amines, organic halides and/or heavy metals, through treatment with peroxide in the presence of said artichoke extract.

**(57) Resumen:** El extracto de alcachofa comprende enzimas con actividad peroxidasa y polifenol oxidasa, puede ser obtenido a partir de desechos (tallos, hojas y brácteas) de alcachofas mediante homogenización de dichos desechos en un medio acuoso, y puede ser utilizado para descontaminar medios líquidos, sólidos y semisólidos contaminados con fenoles, aminas aromáticas, haluros orgánicos y/o metales pesados, mediante tratamiento con peróxido en presencia de dicho extracto de alcachofa.

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