## Esterification of peat by mechanochemical method

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Peat is a unique natural composite, a source of humic substances and raw materials for industry and agriculture. The aim of this work is to develop a new acylated thermoplastic binder from peat to study the possibility of its application in the industry of plate materials [1]. The esterification of peat was carried out in the processing of lowland peat acetic anhydride by mechanochemical method with different molar ratio of reagents from 1:1:0.5 to 1:1:2.5 for 30 min at 25 °C. The chemical composition of products of esterification of peat given in the table 1.

Table 1. The influence of the molar ratio of OH:Ac<sub>2</sub>O in the acetylation of peat in conditions of intensive mechanical grinding on the properties of the obtained products\*

Sample	Mole ratio OH:Ac <sub>2</sub> O	Content of acetyl groups, %	Solubility in acetone, %	Conversion OH- groups, %
Peat	-	-	5	-
1	1:0,5	10.5	20	42
2	1:1	11.7	30	47
3	1:2	15.2	47	61
4	1:3	17.8	60	71

\*the mass of peat is 10.0 g, the temperature of the acetylation – 50 °C, the duration of the acetylation – 60 min.

It was found that with an increase in the molar ratio there is an increase in the content of bound acetyl groups in products and their solubility in acetone (table 1).

The influence of duration mechanochemical treatment of peat on the process of xanthogenation under the action of carbon disulphide in the presence of NaOH (table 2) [2].

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Table 2. Xanthogenation of peat

Duration xanthogenation of peat, min	Content CS <sub>2</sub> , %	Solubility in water, %
10	3.6	25
20	5.0	37
30	6.9	49
40	9.0	61
50	11.2	72
60	15.4	89

It is shown that the increase in the duration xanthogenation of peat is the increase in the content and solubility products in water (table 2).

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