

## **USE OF PALMYRAH SEED DISTILLATE AS A COAGULANT FOR NATURAL RUBBER LATEX**

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Formic acid is used in the rubber industry as a coagulant for NR latex. It costs over Rs. 5 million annually for the import of this acid. A local substitute for this use could be either the locally produced hydrochloric acid or a wood/seed distillate. This paper reports the results obtained on the usage of palmyrah seed distillate as a coagulant for NR latex. Preliminary trials show that the distillate has no ill effects on the technological properties of raw rubber.