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## Diglycidverbindung (Diglycidyl Compounds), Federal Court of Justice (Bundesgerichtshof), 13 November 2011

Jochen Buehling (Krieger Mes Graf & v. der Groeben) · Sunday, July 14th, 2013

Under the doctrine of equivalents, a patent does not convey protection for all options disclosed in the broader patent description if these options are not specifically included in the patent claims.

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