REDISTRIBUTION REACTION IN THE SYSTEM: DIALKYL PHOSPHITE - DIALKYL CHLOROPHOSPHITE

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We found that the following redistribution reaction excists in the system: dialkyl phosphite-dialkyl chlorophosphite

$$(RO)_2P(O)H + (R'O)_2PCI \rightleftharpoons (RO)_2PCI + (R'O)_2P(O)H$$

Thus, when a mixture of 7 g of diethyl phosphite and 11.2 g of di-(2-chloroethyl)chlorophosphite was heated at 100-120°C for 1 h we isolated 2.5 g (32%) of diethyl chlorophosphite with bp 34-35° (10 mm); $n_{\rm D}^{20}$ 1.4370; $\delta_{\rm P3i}$ - 165 ppm (see [1, 2]), and 4 g (38%) of di-(2-chloroethyl)phosphite with bp 90-92° (0.08 mm); d_4^{20} 1.4015; $n_{\rm D}^{20}$ 1.4708; $\delta_{\rm P3i}$ - 8 ppm; $J_{\rm P-H}$ 714 Hz. Found; C 23.28; H 4.43; P 14.60%. C_4 H₉Cl₂O₃P. Calculated; C 23.19; H 4.34; P 14.97% (see [3]).

As a result, a reaction was found where compounds with a tetracoordinated phosphorus atom (dialkyl phosphites) are converted to derivatives with a tricoordinated phosphorus atom (dialkyl chlorophosphites).

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