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Abstract

A new catalytic system formed of RhCl₃-3H₂O as a catalyst and tri-Et orthoformate, HC(OEt)₃, as a solvent showed high catalytic activity in the reaction of hydroformylation of aryl, terminal and internal alkyl alkenes, and also cycloalkenes. Thus, reacting styrene with RhCl₃-3H₂O/HC(OEt)₃ gave PhCHMeCHO and PhCH₂CH₂CHO. The addn. of the tri-Ph phosphite, P(OPh)₃, increased the selectivity toward the branched aldehydes with aryl alkenes.