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# A NOVEL SERIES OF TRIORGANOTIN COMPOUNDS

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## Summary

The tridentate chelating agents 3-[2-(1,10-phenanthrolyl)]-5,6-diphenyl-1,2,4-triazine and 3-[2-(1,10-phenanthrolyl)]-5,6-dimethyl-1,2,4-triazine form 1/1 complexes with triorganotin chlorides and isothiocyanates; the complexes behave as non-electrolytes in nitrobenzene.

We wish to report the isolation of the first members of a series of 1/1 complexes between triorganotin halides and isothiocyanates and the planar tridentate chelating agents 3-[2-(1,10-phenanthrolyl)]-5,6-diphenyl-1,2,4-triazine (I) and 3-[2-(1,10-phenanthrolyl)]-5,6-dimethyl-1,2,4-triazine (II), both of which bear a close structural relationship to 2,2',6',2"-terpyridyl [1]. So far as we are



aware, there have been no reports of 1/1 complexes of triorganotin compounds with tridentate ligands of this type. Terpyridyl is reported to have no reaction with triorganotin halides [2].

The following compounds have been isolated:  $(CH_3)_3SnCl \cdot L$ ;  $(C_6H_5)_3SnCl \cdot L$ (L = I, II) and  $(C_6H_5)_3Sn(NCS) \cdot L$  (L = I). The compounds are all buff or yellow stable crystalline solids which behave as non-electrolytes in nitrobenzene. The infrared spectrum of Ph<sub>3</sub>Sn(NCS) · L (L = I) suggests that the thiocyanate group is N-bonded. Table 1 gives Mössbauer parameters for two of the compounds.

TABLE 1

MÖSSBAUER PARAMETERS OF TRIORGANOTIN COMPLEXES		
Compound	δ	Δ
	(mm/sec)	(mm/sec)
$(C_6H_5)_3$ SnCl·L (L = I)	1.36	3.19
$(C_6H_5)_3$ SnCl·L (L = II)	1.26	3.10

No seven-coordinate tin complexes containing three tin-carbon bonds have yet been reported, however the compound dimethyldiisothiocyanato(terpyridyl)tin(IV), which contains two tin-carbon bonds, has recently been shown to be seven-coordinate [3]. A single crystal X-ray diffraction study on one of the compounds reported here is now in progress.

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