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**Title:** Structural studies of diorganotin(IV) sulfonates: The synthesis of [(n-C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>9</sub>)<sub>2</sub>Sn(OSO<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>3</sub>(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>-2,5)]<sub>2</sub> and [(n-C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>9</sub>)<sub>2</sub>Sn(OSO<sub>2</sub>R)<sub>2</sub> · 2(hexamethylphosphoric triamide)] [R=CH<sub>3</sub>, 4-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>, 2,5-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>3</sub>(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>, 2,5,6-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>2</sub>(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>] and crystal structures of [(n-C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>9</sub>)<sub>2</sub>Sn(μ-OH)(OSO<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>3</sub>(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>-2,5)]<sub>2</sub> and (n-C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>9</sub>)<sub>2</sub>Sn(OSO<sub>2</sub>R)<sub>2</sub> · 2(hexamethylphosphoric triamide)] [R=4-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>, 2,5-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>3</sub>(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>, 2,4,6-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>2</sub>(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]

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**Abstract:** The synthesis of [(n-C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>9</sub>)<sub>2</sub>Sn(OSO<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>3</sub>(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>-2,5)]<sub>2</sub> and [(n-C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>9</sub>)<sub>2</sub>Sn(OSO<sub>2</sub>R)<sub>2</sub> · 2(hexamethylphosphoric triamide)] [R = CH<sub>3</sub> (3), 4-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>CH<sub>3</sub> (4), 2,5-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>3</sub>(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> (5), 2,4,6-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>2</sub>(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub> (6)] and have been carried out to study their structures and to delineate the coordination behavior of the weakly coordinating sulfonate anions. Compound 1 hydrolyzes slowly to [(n-C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>9</sub>)<sub>2</sub>Sn(μ-OH)(OSO<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>3</sub>(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>-2,5)]<sub>2</sub> (2) when kept in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> for a few days. The crystal structure shows that 2 has a dimeric structure in which tin atoms are bridged by two hydroxy groups and each tin atom is further bonded to two n-Bu groups and a mono-coordinated sulfonate anion thus generating a trigonal bipyramidal geometry at tin atom. However, the coordination geometry at tin can be visualized as a severely distorted octahedron, if a relatively weak Sn-O bond of 2.690 Å between Sn and an O atom of the neighboring sulfonate anion is also considered. Compounds 3-6 are obtained by the consecutive reaction of (n-C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>9</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SnO with the appropriate sulphonic acid and hexamethylphosphoric triamide (HMPA). X-ray crystal structures of 4, 5 and 6 show octahedral geometry around tin atom in the two compounds in which the sulfonate ligands are covalently bonded in a monodentate mode. Compounds 3-6 are nonionic in polar solvents. The Sn-O (sulfonate) bond distances 2.354(2), 2: 2.233(2), 4: 2.237(5), 5 and 2.227(3) Å, 6 suggest some degree of ionic character in the metal-anion bonds. These compounds have also been characterized by multinuclear (<sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C and <sup>119</sup>Sn) NMR studies.

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