§ 177.1810 Styrene block polymers.

The styrene block polymers identified in paragraph (a) of this section may be safely used as articles or as components of articles intended for use in contact with food, subject to provisions of this section.

(a) For the purpose of this section, styrene block polymers are basic polymers manufactured as described in this paragraph, so that the finished polymers meet the specifications prescribed in paragraph (b) of this section, when tested by the methods described in paragraph (c) of this section.

1. Styrene block polymers with 1,3-butadiene are those produced by the catalytic solution polymerization of styrene and 1,3-butadiene.

2. Styrene block polymers with 2-methyl-1,3-butadiene are those produced by the catalytic solution polymerization of styrene and 2-methyl-1,3-butadiene.

3. Styrene block polymers with 1,3-butadiene, hydrogenated are those produced by the catalytic solution polymerization of styrene and 1,3-butadiene, and subsequently hydrogenated.

(b) Specifications:

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<th>Molecular weight (minimum)</th>
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<td>1. (i) Styrene block polymers with 1,3-butadiene, for use as articles or as components of articles that contact food of Types I, II, IV-B, VI, VII-B, and VII identified in table 1 in §176.170(c) of this chapter under conditions of use D, E, F, and G described in table 2 in §176.170(c) of this chapter.</td>
<td>29,000</td>
<td>Completely soluble in toluene.</td>
<td>–98 °C (–144 °F) to –71 °C (–96 °F) and 86 °C (187 °F) to 122 °C (252 °F).</td>
<td>0.0039 mg/cm² (0.025 mg/in²) of surface at reflux temperature for 30 min on a 0.19 cm (0.075 in) thick sample.</td>
<td>0.0022 mg/cm² (0.01 mg/in²) of surface at 66 °C (150 °F) for 2 hr on a 0.19 cm (0.075 in) thick sample.</td>
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(c) The analytical methods for determining whether styrene block polymers conform to the specifications prescribed in this section are as follows and are applicable to the finished polymer.

1. **Molecular weight.** Molecular weight shall be determined by intrinsic viscosity (or other suitable method).

2. **Glass transition points.** The glass transition points shall be determined by either of the following methods:
   1. ASTM method D2236-70 (“Standard Method of Test for Dynamic Mechanical Properties of Plastics by Means of Torsional Pendulum,” which is incorporated by reference; copies are available from American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM), 100 [VerDate Mar<15>2010 10:14 May 14, 2012 Jkt 226069 PO 00000 Frm 00335 Fmt 8010 Sfmt 8010 Y:\SGML\226069.XXX 226069erowe on DSK2VPTVN1PROD with CFR]
§ 177.1820 Styrene-maleic anhydride copolymers.

Styrene-maleic anhydride copolymers identified in paragraph (a) of this section may be safely used as articles or components of articles intended for use in contact with food, subject to provisions of this section.

(a) For the purpose of this section, styrene-maleic anhydride copolymers are those produced by the polymerization of styrene and maleic anhydride so that the finished polymers meet the specifications prescribed in paragraph (b) of this section, when tested by the methods described in paragraph (c) of this section.

(b) Specifications:

(1) The glass transition points are determined in the tensile mode of deformation at a frequency of 35 hertz using a Rheovibron Model DDV-II (or equivalent) Direct Reading Viscoelastometer. Take maxima in the out-of-phase component of the complex modulus as the glass transition points. For block polymers of low styrene content or for simple block polymers, the polymer may be treated with 0.3 part per hundred dicumyl peroxide and cured for 30 minutes at 153 °C to accentuate the upper transition point.

(2) Maximum extractable fractions in distilled water and 50 percent ethanol and the maximum net residue solubles in chloroform. The maximum extractable fractions in distilled water and 50 percent ethanol, and the maximum net residue solubles in chloroform, shall be determined in accordance with §176.170(d)(3) of this chapter using a sandwich form of the finished copolymer of the specified thickness and for the time and temperature specified in paragraph (b) of this section.

(d) The provisions of this section are not applicable to butadiene-styrene copolymers listed in other sections of this subpart.

(e) The provisions of this section are not applicable to styrene block polymers with 1,3-butadiene listed in §175.105 of this chapter.