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(57) ABSTRACT

Polycarbonate resin containing reduced levels of reaction by-products can be prepared by adding to the polycarbonate a scavenging agent having the formula:

wherein R_1 is alkoxy, phenoxy, benzyloxy or phenyl, and R_2 is a substituted or unsubstituted C_1 – C_{30} alkyl group, C_6 – C_{30} aryl group, C_7 – C_{30} aralkyl group or C_6 – C_{30} aryloxy group and processing the resulting mixture at an elevated temperature and for a period of time such that the scavenging agent reacts with linear Fries products to produce capped linear Fries products, and with residual phenols (monohydric or dihydric) to produce capped phenols and ortho-substituted phenols.

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BPA Polycarbonate

Linear Fries

Branched Fries