CLAIMS

1. A pellet of an ethylene-vinyl alcohol copolymer composition comprising:
an ethylene-vinyl alcohol copolymer; and
an iron compound;
wherein the ethylene-vinyl alcohol copolymer has an ethylene content of 20 to 60 mol %;
wherein the iron compound is present in a proportion of 0.01 to 40 ppm on a metal basis based on weight of the ethylene-vinyl alcohol copolymer composition;
wherein the ethylene-vinyl alcohol copolymer is present in a proportion of not less than 90 wt. %; and
wherein the pellet of the ethylene-vinyl alcohol copolymer composition has a water content of 0.01 to 0.5 wt. %.

2. The pellet of the ethylene-vinyl alcohol copolymer composition according to claim 1, wherein the ethylene-vinyl alcohol copolymer has a melt flow rate of 0.5 to 100 g/10 minutes as measured at 210°C with a load of 2160 g.

3. The pellet of the ethylene-vinyl alcohol copolymer composition according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the iron compound is at least one selected from the group consisting of ferric oxide, ferrosoferric oxide, ferrous chloride, ferric chloride, ferrous hydroxide, ferric hydroxide, ferrous oxide, and iron phosphate.

4. The pellet of the ethylene-vinyl alcohol copolymer composition according to any one of claims 1 to 3, wherein a lubricant is applied to surfaces of the pellet of the ethylene-vinyl alcohol copolymer composition.

5. The pellet of the ethylene-vinyl alcohol copolymer composition according to any one of claims 1 to 4, wherein the pellet of the ethylene-vinyl alcohol copolymer composition is subjected to a melt-forming process.