Claims

1. An ethylene-vinyl alcohol copolymer composition comprising:
(A) an ethylene-vinyl alcohol copolymer;
(B) a compound of a long Periodic Table 4th-period d-block metal; and
(C) an iron compound;
wherein the ethylene-vinyl alcohol copolymer (A) has an ethylene content of 20 to 60 mol %; ~~and~~
wherein the long Periodic Table 4th-period d-block metal compound (B) is an organic salt of zinc; and
wherein the iron compound (C) is present in an amount of 0.01 to 5 ppm on a metal basis based on a weight of the ethylene-vinyl alcohol copolymer composition.

2. The ethylene-vinyl alcohol copolymer composition according to claim 1, wherein the long Periodic Table 4th-period d-block metal compound (B) is present in an amount of 0.1 to 500 ppm on a metal basis based on the weight of the ethylene-vinyl alcohol copolymer composition.

3. The ethylene-vinyl alcohol copolymer composition according to claim 1 or 2, wherein a weight ratio of the amount of the long Periodic Table 4th-period d-block metal compound (B) on a metal basis to the amount of the iron compound (C) on a metal basis is 0.02 to 50,000.

4. The ethylene-vinyl alcohol copolymer composition according to any one of claims 1 to 3, wherein a weight ratio of the amount of the long Periodic Table 4th-period d-block metal compound (B) on a metal basis to the amount of the iron compound (C) on a metal basis is 10 to 50,000.

~~5. The ethylene-vinyl alcohol copolymer composition according to any one of claims 1 to 4, wherein the long Periodic Table 4th-period d-block metal compound (B) is a zinc compound.~~

5~~6~~. The ethylene-vinyl alcohol copolymer composition according to any one of claims 1 to 4~~5~~, wherein the long Periodic Table 4th-period d-block metal compound (B) is a carboxylate of the long Periodic Table 4th-period d-block metal.

6~~7~~. An ethylene-vinyl alcohol copolymer composition for melt forming, which comprises the ethylene-vinyl alcohol copolymer composition according to any one of claims 1 to 5~~6~~.

7~~8~~. Pellets comprising the ethylene-vinyl alcohol copolymer composition according to any one of claims 1 to 5~~6~~.

8~~9~~. A multilayer structure comprising a layer that comprises the ethylene-vinyl alcohol copolymer composition according to any one of claims 1 to 5~~6~~.