

ABSTRACT

A composition (D) comprising: modified polyvinyl alcohol (A); and unsaturated monocarboxylic acid or a salt thereof (B), wherein the modified

5 polyvinyl alcohol (A) has a viscosity-average degree of polymerization of 400 or more and 3500 or less, has a degree of saponification of 68 mol% or more and 99.9 mol% or less, and contains 0.01 mol% or more and 1.50 mol% or less of an acryloyl group or a methacryloyl group in a side chain, the unsaturated

10 monocarboxylic acid or a salt thereof (B) is at least one selected from the group consisting of acrylic acid, methacrylic acid, sodium acrylate, and sodium methacrylate, and in the composition (D), a mass ratio of the modified polyvinyl alcohol (A) / the unsaturated monocarboxylic acid or a salt thereof (B) is from 82/18 to 99.9/0.1. The composition is thus provided that is excellent in water solubility and storage stability and polymerization stability of a vinyl compound

15 and contains the modified polyvinyl alcohol (A).