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(57) **Abstract:** Disclosed is a polyester polymer prepared from a reaction mixture comprising a polyacid component and a polyol component that comprises lignin. Residues of lignin are incorporated into the backbone of the polyester polymer. Coatings comprising the same and substrates coated at least in part with such coatings are also disclosed.



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