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(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to a process for the continuous preparation of modified elastomeric polymers, comprising the steps of (i) providing and polymerizing at least one conjugated diene monomer and, optionally, one or more aromatic vinyl monomer in the presence of an anionic initiator and a compound according to Formula 1, e.g. 2, 2-di-(2-oxolanyl) propane or a derivative thereof, to provide a living anionic polymer; and (ii) adding a "sulfanylsilane" compound to the living anionic polymer. The present invention also relates to elastomeric polymers that are obtainable according to the above process. In yet another embodiment, the present invention relates to a composition comprising the elastomeric polymer and, optionally, further constituents such as oil, filler and/or vulcanizing agent. The invention further relates to a process for the preparation of a cross-linked elastomeric polymer comprising the step of adding a vulcanizing agent to the elastomeric polymer. Moreover, cross-linked elastomeric polymers thus obtainable as well as articles and compositions comprising the elastomeric polymer, the cross-linked elastomeric polymer or both are described.

