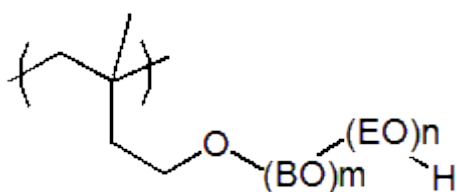


ABSTRACT

An object of the present invention is to provide a dispersion stabilizer for suspension polymerization which satisfies various performance requirements for suspension polymerization of a vinyl-based compound such as vinyl chloride. The present invention relates a modified vinyl alcohol-based polymer having at least one monomer unit represented by a following general formula (I) and a modification rate of from 0.01 mol% to 10 mol%:

general formula (1):



in which BO represents an oxybutylene unit; EO represents an oxyethylene unit; and each of m and n is a number of repeating unit of the respective oxyalkylene units; $1 \leq m \leq 10$; and $1 \leq n \leq 60$.