CLAIMS:

1. A coating composition comprising:

(a) a polyether polyol having a hydroxyl functionality of 3 to 8, comprising a reaction product comprising a saccharide with an alkylene oxide and

(b) a reaction product comprising:

(i) a phosphorus acid, and

(ii) a polyepoxide and/or a polyester polyol.

2. The coating composition of claim 1 in which the polyether polyol has a hydroxyl functionality of 6 to 8.

~~3. The coating composition of claim 1 in which the polyester polyol comprises a reaction product comprising a saccharide with an alkylene oxide.~~

4~~3~~. The coating composition of claim ~~3~~ 1 in which the saccharide comprises sucrose.

5~~4~~. The coating composition of claim ~~3~~ 1 in which the alkylene oxide comprises ethylene oxide, propylene oxide, and/or butylene oxide.

6~~5~~. The coating composition of claim 1 in which the polyether polyol has the hydroxyl number of 150 to 600.

7~~6~~. The coating composition of claim 1 in which the phosphorus acid is phosphoric acid.

8~~7~~. The coating composition of claim 1 in which the polyepoxide is a diglycidyl ether of a diol.

9~~8~~. The coating composition of claim 1 which is substantially free of bisphenol A and derivatives of bisphenol A.

~~10~~9. The coating composition of claim 1 which is completely free of bisphenol A and derivatives of bisphenol A.

~~11~~10. The coating composition of claim ~~9~~ 8 in which the polyepoxide comprises a diglycidyl ether of an aliphatic and/or cycloaliphatic diol.

~~12~~11. The coating composition of claim ~~11~~ 10 wherein the diol comprises cyclohexane dimethanol.

~~13~~12. The coating composition of claim ~~11~~ 10 in which the polyester polyol has an Mn of 2000 to 10,000, a hydroxyl number of 20 to 75, and an acid value of 15 to 25.

~~14~~13. The coating composition of claim 1 in which the phosphorus acid is used in amounts of 0.2 to 0.5 equivalents per equivalent of epoxy in the epoxy resin or per equivalent of hydroxyl in the polyester polyol.

~~15~~14. The coating composition of claim 1 in which the polyether polyol is present in amounts of 2 to 50 percent by weight based on weight of resin solids in the coating composition.

~~16~~15. The coating composition of claim 1 in which (b) is present in an amount of up to 10 percent by weight based on weight of resin solids.

~~17~~16. The coating composition of claim 1 further comprising a polyol comprising an acrylic polymer and/or a polyester polymer.

~~18~~17. The coating composition of claim 1 further comprising a crosslinking agent.

~~19~~18. The coating composition of claim ~~18~~ 17 in which the crosslinking agent comprises an aminoplast and/or a phenolplast.

~~20~~19. The coating composition of claim ~~17~~ 16 in which the polyol is present in amounts of 10 to 90 percent by weight based on weight of resin solids.

~~21~~20. The coating composition of claim ~~18~~ 17 in which the crosslinking agent is present in amounts of 5 to 50 percent by weight based on weight of resin solids in the coating composition.

~~22~~21. A coated article comprising:

(a) a substrate, and

(b) deposited on at least a portion of the substrate the coating composition of claim 1.

~~23~~22. The coated article of claim ~~22~~ 21 in which the substrate is a container.

~~24~~23. The coated article of claim ~~23~~ 22 in which the container is for food or beverage.

~~25~~24. The coated article of claim ~~24~~ 23 in which the substrate is a can.

~~26~~25. The coated article of claim ~~25~~ 24 in which the coating is deposited on the exterior walls of the can.

~~27~~26. The coated article of claim 21 wherein the coating composition ~~of claim 1 which~~ is substantially free of bisphenol A and derivatives thereof.

~~28~~27. The coated article of claim 21 wherein the coating composition ~~of claim 1 which~~ is free of bisphenol A and derivatives thereof.