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POLYCARBONATE COMPOSITIONS COMPRISING HINDERED AMINE LIGHT
STABILIZERS AND ULTRAVIOLET LIGHT ABSORBERS ✓

FIELD OF INVENTION

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The instant invention relates to weatherable compositions (blends and formulations) comprising polycarbonate, hindered amines light stabilizers, and ultraviolet light absorbers.

10 BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Formulations and blends comprising polycarbonates are known to degrade upon prolonged exposure to sunlight or other forms of light. One of the effects observed is yellowing of the polycarbonate blend/formulation. This problem has been alleviated by the use of light absorbers or light blockers in the polycarbonate blends. Thus ultraviolet light absorbers (UVA) are known to be used in polycarbonate formulations to protect these formulations from degradation due to exposure to different forms of light.

Use of Hindered Amine Light Stabilizers (HALS) to stabilize polyolefins has been known. Commercially used HALS have been based mainly on 2,2,6,6-tetramethyl piperidine, except for those based on piperazinones. U.S. Patent Numbers 4,190,571; 4,292,240; 4,480,092; and 5,071,981 disclose some of the piperazinone based HALS. In addition while United States Patent Numbers 3,919,234, 3,920,659 and 4,208,522 disclose some piperazine dione based HALS.

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The use of HALS in polycarbonates is not very common. The stabilizing effect of HALS on polycarbonate formulations/blends has been described as

"minor", see for example Thompson and Klemchuk, in Polymer Durability; R. L. Clough et al., ACS Advances in Chemistry 249, 1995, pp 303-317. The use of UVA in polycarbonate formulations has provided a way to retard the rate of degradation of polycarbonates as a result of exposure to light. This method
5 however does not offer a complete protection of polycarbonate formulations from light induced degradation or discoloration. There is thus a continued need for a method or formulation that will help protect polycarbonate based formulations/blends from degradation or discoloration due to exposure to light.

It has been surprisingly found that use of the piperazinone and piperazine
10 dione based HALS, and the benzotriazole, benzophenone, triazine, oxanilide, and cyanoacrylate based UVA in polycarbonate compositions, exhibits a synergistic effect in protecting the polycarbonate compositions from light induced degradation. This synergistic effect increases the photostability of polycarbonate compositions thereby slowing the yellowing and degradation of
15 polycarbonate compositions.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The instant invention provides a composition comprising a polycarbonate,
20 at least one of a piperazinone and a piperazine dione based HALS, and at least one of a benzotriazole, benzophenone, triazine, oxanilide, and cyanoacrylate based UVA. Incorporation of the piperazinone and piperazine dione based HALS, and the benzotriazole, benzophenone, triazine, oxanilide, and cyanoacrylate based UVA in the polycarbonate composition surprisingly displays
25 a synergistic effect in protecting the polycarbonates from the undesired degradation or discoloration due to exposure to light, thereby rendering weatherable polycarbonate compositions.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DRAWINGS

The Figure plots exposures required to attain a YI of 3.0 (relative to an unstabilized control, Sample 1) for BPA polycarbonate films containing various ratios
5 of UVA to HALS at 1% by weight of the total polycarbonate composition.

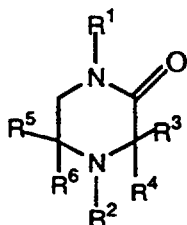
DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

The present invention provides a composition comprising, a
10 polycarbonate, at least one of a piperazinone and piperazine dione based HALS, and at least one of a benzotriazole, benzophenone, triazine, oxanilide, and cyanoacrylate based UVA. Another embodiment of the invention provides a composition wherein, (a) the polycarbonate comprises from about 90% to about 99.9% by weight of the total composition; and (b) the piperazinone and
15 piperazine dione based HALS and the benzotriazole, benzophenone, triazine, oxanilide, and cyanoacrylate based UVA, taken together, comprise from about 0.1% to about 10% by weight of the total composition, the ratio of the piperazinone and piperazine dione based HALS to the benzotriazole, benzophenone, triazine, oxanilide, and cyanoacrylate based UVA being from
20 about 5:95 to about 90:10. In a further preferred embodiment is provided a composition wherein the ratio of the piperazinone and piperazine dione based HALS to that of the benzotriazole, benzophenone, triazine, oxanilide, and cyanoacrylate based UVA is from about 5:95 to about 20:80. Another preferred embodiment provides a composition wherein the ratio of the piperazinone and
25 piperazine dione based HALS to that of the benzotriazole, benzophenone, triazine, oxanilide, and cyanoacrylate based UVA is from about 20:80 to about 75:25.

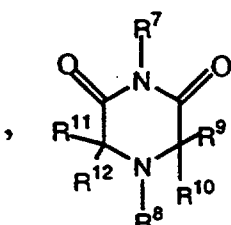
A second aspect of the instant invention provides a composition comprising, (a) a polycarbonate; (b) at least one of a piperazinone and

piperazine dione based HALS; (c) at least one of a benzotriazole, benzophenone, triazine, oxanilide, and cyanoacrylate based UVA; (d) an additive; and (e) a blend stock. In one of its embodiment is provided a composition wherein: (a) the polycarbonate comprises from about 10% to about 99.9% by weight of the total composition; (b) the piperazinone or piperazine dione based HALS and the benzotriazole, benzophenone, triazine, oxanilide, and cyanoacrylate based UVA, taken together, comprise from about 0.05% to about 10% by weight of the total composition; (c) additives comprise from about 0.01% to about 25% by weight of the total composition; and (d) the blend stock comprises from about 0% to about 89% by weight of the total composition. The preferred polycarbonate is BPA polycarbonate.

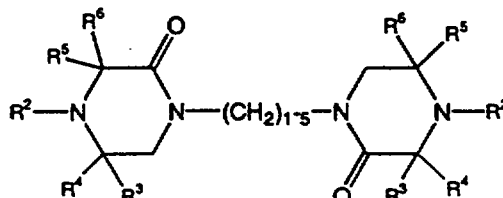
Another preferred embodiment provides a composition wherein the piperazinone or piperazine dione based HALS is selected from:



15 Formula I

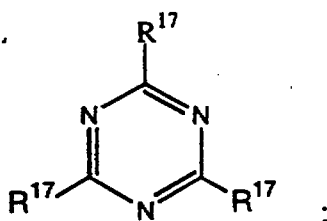


Formula II



Formula III

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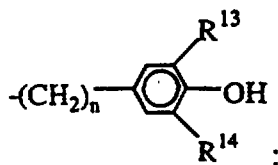


Formula IV

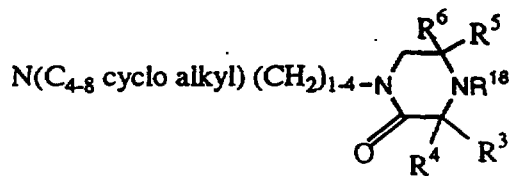
wherein:

R^1 and R^2 are independently C_{1-24} alkyl, hydrogen, acyl, benzyl, C_{1-12} haloalkyl, C_{2-14} alkenyl, unsubstituted C_{7-14} aralkyl, or carboalkoxy; R^2 optionally also represents oxygen; R^3 and R^4 independently represent C_{1-18} haloalkyl, C_{1-18} alkyl, C_{5-18} cycloalkyl, C_{2-18} alkenyl, or unsubstituted C_{7-18} aralkyl; or R^3 and R^4 , when taken together with the carbon to which they are attached, form a C_{4-12} alicyclic ring; R^5 and R^6 are independently C_{1-18} haloalkyl, C_{1-18} alkyl, C_{2-18} alkenyl, or unsubstituted C_{7-18} aralkyl; or R^5 and R^6 when taken together with the carbon atom to which they are attached, form a C_{4-12} alicyclic ring; R^7 is C_{1-20} alkyl,

benzyl, $-A-C(=O)-O-R^{15}$, or

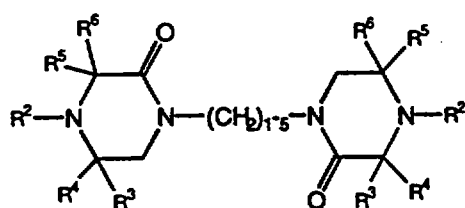


R^8 is hydrogen, C_{1-24} alkyl, or aryl; R^9 and R^{10} independently represent C_{1-18} haloalkyl, C_{1-18} alkyl, C_{5-18} cycloalkyl, C_{2-18} alkenyl, or unsubstituted C_{7-18} aralkyl; or R^9 and R^{10} , when taken together with the carbon to which they are attached, form a C_{4-11} alicyclic ring; R^{11} and R^{12} are independently C_{1-18} haloalkyl, C_{1-18} alkyl, C_{2-18} alkenyl, or unsubstituted C_{7-18} aralkyl; or R^{11} and R^{12} when taken together with the carbon atom to which they are attached, form a C_{4-12} alicyclic ring; R^{13} and R^{14} are independently C_{1-8} alkyl, wherein at least one of said groups is branched on the α carbon atom; R^{15} is C_{1-20} alkyl; R^{17} is

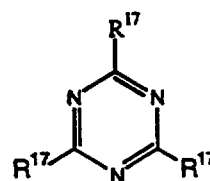


R^{18} is H or C_{1-4} alkyl; A is a straight or branched chain (lower) alkylene having from 1 to 6 carbon atoms optionally substituted with C_1-C_6 alkyl; and n represents an integer from 1 to 4.

Preferred HALS are represented by:



Formula III

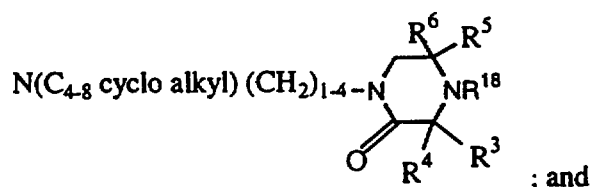


Formula IV

wherein:

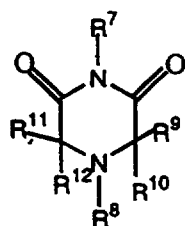
R^3 , R^4 , R^5 , and R^6 are each methyl;

R^{17} is



; and

R^{18} is H or C_{1-4} alkyl. A further preferred embodiment provides a composition wherein the HALS is a piperazine dione represented by



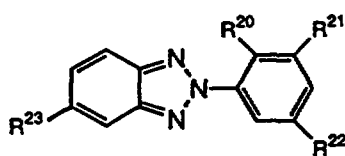
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15 wherein:

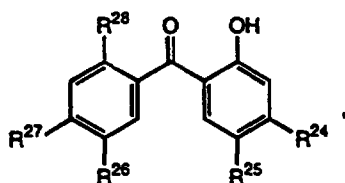
R^9 and R^{10} independently represent methyl; or R^9 and R^{10} , when taken together with the carbon to which they are attached, form a cyclohexyl ring; and

R^{11} and R^{12} independently methyl; or R^{11} and R^{12} , when taken together with the carbon atom to which they are attached, form a cyclohexyl ring.

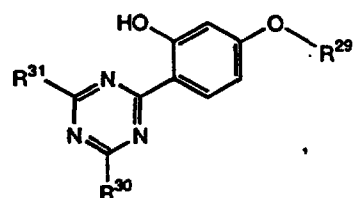
The ultraviolet light absorbers (UVA) useful in the present invention are those which are generally compatible with polycarbonates in general. Preferred
5 are benzotriazole, benzophenone, triazine, oxanilide, and cyanoacrylate based UVA represented by the following structural formulae:



Formula V

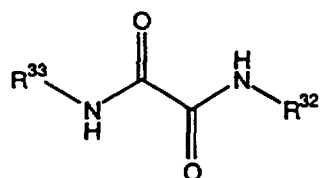


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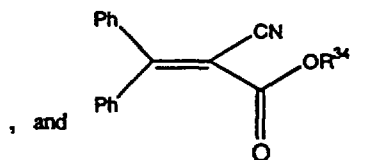


Formula VII

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Formula VIII

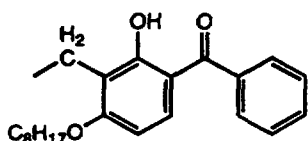
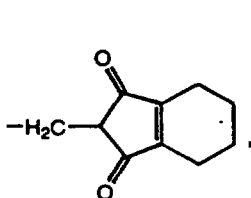


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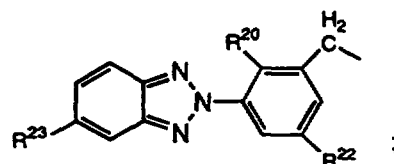
wherein:

15 R^{20} is OH;

R^{21} is C_1 - C_{15} branched or straight chain alkyl, $C(CH_3)_2C_6H_5$,



, or



- R^{22} is C_1 - C_{15} branched or straight chain alkyl, $-C(CH_3)_2C_6H_5$, $-(CH_2)_2-C(O)-O-C_8H_{17}$, $-CH_2-CH_2-C(O)-O-(C_2H_4O)_8-H$, $-CH_2CH_2-O-C(O)-C(CH_3)=CH_2$, or $-C(C_6H_5)_2-CH_3$;
- R^{23} is H or Cl;
- 5 R^{24} is OH, $-OC_1-C_{12}$ alkyl, $-O-CH_2CH=CH_2$, $-O-(CH_2)_3Si(OEt)_3$, $-OCH_2COOH$, $-O(CH_2)_2OC(O)-CH=CH_2$, $-OCH_2CH_2OH$, or $-O-CH_2-CH(OH)-CH_2O-C_8H_{17}$;
- R^{25} is H, benzoyl, SO_3H , or SO_3Na ;
- R^{26} is H, SO_3H , or SO_3Na ;
- R^{27} is H, OH, OCH_3 , or $-C(CH_3)_3$;
- 10 R^{28} is H or OH;
- R^{29} is $-C_1-C_{10}$ alkyl, or $-C_1-C_6$ branched or straight chain alkyl- $O-C_{10}-C_{15}$ straight chain alkyl;
- R^{30} and R^{31} independently represent a phenyl radical optionally substituted with up to two C_1-C_4 alkyl substituents;
- 15 R^{32} and R^{33} independently represent aryl groups substituted with at least one of C_1-C_{12} alkyl or C_1-C_8 alkoxy group; and
- R^{34} represents C_1-C_8 straight chain alkyl group, C_4-C_8 branched alkyl group, or a C_1-C_6 hydroxy alkyl group.

- Further preferred UVA's are those represented by Formula V, Formula VI,
- 20 and Formula VII wherein:
- R^{20} is OH;
- R^{21} is $C(CH_3)_3$, $C(CH_3)_2C_2H_5$, $C(CH_3)_2Ph$, or $CH(CH_3)C_2H_5$;
- R^{22} is CH_3 , $C(CH_3)_3$, $C(CH_3)_2Ph$, $CH_2-CH_2-C(O)-O-(C_2H_4OH)_8$, or $C(CH_3)_2CH_2-C(CH_3)_3$;
- 25 R^{23} is H;
- R^{24} is OH or OC_1-C_4 alkyl;
- R^{25} is H or benzoyl;

R²⁶ is H;

R²⁷ is H, OH, or OCH₃;

R²⁸ is H or OH;

R²⁹ is C₁₋₄ alkyl; and

5 R³⁰ and R³¹ independently represent a phenyl radical substituted with C₁₋₂ alkyl. Specifically preferred UVA are 2-(2'-hydroxyaryl benzotriazole), 2,4-diaryl-6-(2'-hydroxyaryl)-s-triazines, and 4,6-dibenzoyl resorcinol.

As used in the instant invention a polycarbonate comprises multiple structural units represented by the formula

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Formula X

wherein A¹ is a divalent aromatic hydrocarbon radical. Suitable A¹ radicals include m-phenylene, p-phenylene, 4,4'-biphenylene, 4,4'-bi(3,5-dimethyl)-
15 phenylene, 2,2-bis(4-phenylene)propane and similar radicals such as those which correspond to the dihydroxy-substituted aromatic hydrocarbons disclosed by name or formula (generic or specific) in U.S. Patent 4,217,438.

The A¹ radical preferably has the formula



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Formula XI

wherein each of A² and A³ is a mono cyclic divalent aromatic hydrocarbon radical and Y is a bridging hydrocarbon radical in which one or two atoms separate A² from A³. The free valence bonds in formula X are usually in the meta or para positions of A² and A³ in relation to Y. Compounds in which A¹
25 has formula XI are bisphenols, and for the sake of brevity the term "bisphenol" is sometimes used herein to designate the dihydroxy-substituted aromatic

hydrocarbons; it should be understood, however, that non-bisphenol compounds of this type may also be employed as appropriate.

In formula XI, the A^2 and A^3 values may be unsubstituted phenylene or hydrocarbon-substituted derivatives thereof, illustrative substituents (one or
5 more) being alkyl and alkenyl. Unsubstituted phenylene radicals are preferred. Both A^2 and A^3 are preferably p-phenylene, although both may be o- or m-phenylene or one o- or m-phenylene and the other p-phenylene.

The bridging radical, Y, is one in which one or two atoms, preferably one, separate A^2 from A^3 . Illustrative radicals of this type are methylene, cyclohexyl-
10 methylene, 2-[2.2.1]-bicycloheptylmethylene, ethylene, isopropylidene, neopentylidene, cyclohexylidene, cyclopentadecylidene, cyclododecylidene and adamantylidene; gem-alkylene (alkylidene) radicals are preferred. Also included, however, are unsaturated radicals. For reasons of availability and particular suitability for the purposes of this invention, the preferred bisphenol is
15 2,2-bis(4-hydroxyphenyl)propane ("BPA"), in which Y is isopropylidene and A^2 and A^3 are each p-phenylene. A detailed description of polycarbonates used in the instant invention is described in U.S. Patent Nos. 4,125,572; 3,028,365; 3,334,154; and 3,915,926; all of which are incorporated herein by reference.

The compositions of the instant invention comprise at least one of a
20 piperazinone and piperazine dione based HALS, and at least one of a benzotriazole, benzophenone, triazine, oxanilide, and cyanoacrylate based UVA. It should be noted that one or a mixture of more than one piperazinone and piperazine dione based HALS along with one or a mixture of more than one benzotriazole, benzophenone, triazine, oxanilide, and cyanoacrylate based UVA
25 can be used as part of the instantly claimed compositions. The piperazinone and piperazine dione based HALS are generally represented by Formula I, Formula II, Formula III, or Formula IV while the benzotriazole, benzophenone, triazine,

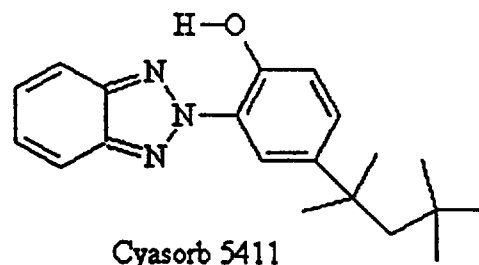
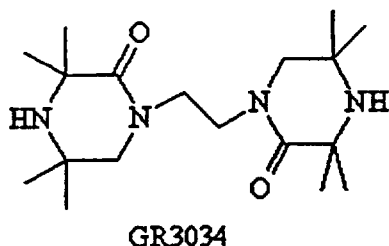
oxanilide, and cyanoacrylate based UVA are represented by Formula V, Formula VI, Formula VII, Formula VIII, and Formula IX. Also as used herein, additives may include such materials as colorants, whitening agents, thermal stabilizers, metal deactivators, impact modifiers, extenders, antistatic agents, and processing aids. The different additives that can be incorporated in the compositions of the instant invention are commonly used and known to one skilled in the art. Illustrative descriptions of such additives may be found in R. Gachter and H. Muller; *Plastics Additives*, 4th edition, 1993 and are incorporated herein by reference.

Also, as used in the instant invention, the phrase blend stock is used to describe one or more ingredients represented by aromatic polyesters, aliphatic polyesters, and styrenic polymers. Examples of blend stocks include poly(2,4-butylene terephthalate, poly(ethylene terephthalate), acrylonitrile-butadiene-styrene copolymer (ABS), styrene-acrylonitrile copolymer (SAN, styrene-acrylonitrile-acrylate copolymers (ASA), and poly(1,4-cyclohexanedimethanol-1,4-cyclohexanedicarboxylate) (PCCD).

EXPERIMENTAL DETAILS

Mixtures of UVA and HALS impart a synergistic effect when used in combination. Thus, rather than using a particular amount of UVA or HALS alone in a formulation, it is advantageous to use a mixture of UVA and HALS. This effect will generally be independent of the structure of the UVA and independent of the structure of the HALS, as long as the HALS is compatible with the polycarbonate and the UVA has significant absorption in the range of 295-330 nm. A typical UVA used is Cyasorb[®] 5411, which is a product of Cytec Corporation and belongs to the benzotriazole class of UVA. The piperazinone

class of HALS, typified by Goodrite® 3034 (GR3034), is an illustrative example of an effective class of HALS.



5 The ratio of UVA to HALS, at which the maximum synergism occurs, is probably dependent on the thickness of the sample, the nature of the colorants that might be present, the absorptivity of the UVA, and the light exposure conditions. The following data shows maximum effectiveness at a ratio of approximately 0.75 UVA to 0.25 HALS in approximately 18 microns thick
10 polycarbonate film.

Example 1: Photostability of solvent-cast films.

15 BPA polycarbonate (BPA-PC) films approximately 18 microns thick were cast from methylene chloride by drawing 20% solids solutions on a glass plate using a 6 mil doctor blade. The HALS and UVA, taken together, were added to the methylene chloride solution at a total of 1% by weight of the polycarbonate composition in the ratios shown in Table 1. The UVA was Cyasorb® 5411 (a benzotriazole based UVA) and the HALS was Goodrite® 3034 (a piperazine
20 based HALS).

Samples were exposed in an Atlas Ci35a xenon arc Weather-ometer equipped with type S borosilicate inner and outer filters. The light cycle was 160 minutes long at an irradiance of 0.77 W/m² at 340 nm, black panel temperature

75°C, dry bulb temperature 45°C, and wet bulb depression 10°C. There was a 20 minute dark cycle with water spray during the last 15 minutes. Exposure is measured in total kilojoules (kJ) of irradiance at 340 nm.

The amount of light exposure for the films to reach a Yellowness Index (YI, ASTM D-1925) of 3.0 are shown in Table 1.

Table 1.
Performance of UVA/HALS ratios at 1% of total loading composition

Sample #	% of UVA	% of HALS	Exposure to YI=3.0	Relative yellowing rate reduction
1	0	0	870 kJ/m ²	(1)
2	1	0	1580	1.82
3	0.75	0.25	1696	1.95
4	0.50	0.50	1536	1.77
5	0.25	0.75	1391	1.52
6	0	1	1145	1.32

* Calculated by dividing exposure in the previous column by control exposure.

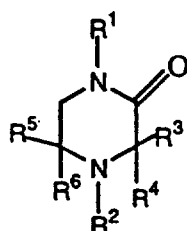
The results are also plotted in the Figure which shows the positive deviation from linearity indicative of a synergistic effect of the combination of UVA and HALS. The straight line (identified by the letter 'P' in the Figure) represents the expected additive/resulting effect, on the photostability of the polycarbonate composition, as a consequence of incorporating the piperazinone based HALS and the benzotriazole based UVA in the BPA-PC. The curve (identified by the letter 'Q' in the Figure) is the actual effect observed, on the photostability of the BPA-PC, as a consequence of incorporating the piperazinone based HALS and the benzotriazole based UVA in the BPA-PC. The positive deviation represented by the curve Q from the expected linearity represented by the line P is indicative of the synergistic effect observed as a

result of combining the piperazinone based HALS and the benzotriazole based UVA in the BPA-PC.

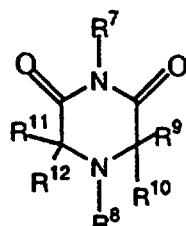


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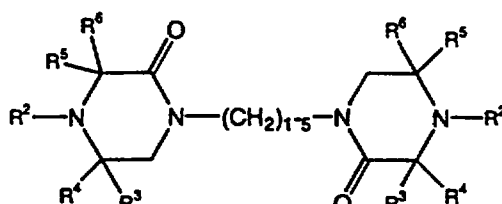
1. A composition comprising:
 - (a) a polycarbonate;
 - (b) at least one of a piperazinone and piperazine dione based
5 HALS; and
 - (c) at least one of a benzotriazole, benzophenone, triazine, oxanilide, and cyanoacrylate based UVA.
2. A composition of Claim 1 wherein:
 - (a) the polycarbonate comprises from about 90% to about
10 99.9% by weight of the total composition; and
 - (b) the piperazinone and piperazine dione based HALS and the benzotriazole, benzophenone, triazine, oxanilide, and cyanoacrylate based UVA, taken together comprise from about 0.1% to about 10% by weight of the total composition, the ratio of the piperazinone and piperazine dione based HALS to
15 the benzotriazole, benzophenone, triazine, oxanilide, and cyanoacrylate based UVA being from about 5:95 to about 90:10.
3. A composition of Claim 2 wherein the ratio of the piperazinone and piperazine dione based HALS to that of benzotriazole, benzophenone, triazine, oxanilide, and cyanoacrylate based UVA is from about 5:95 to about 20:80.
- 20 4. A composition of Claim 2 wherein the ratio of the piperazinone and piperazine dione based HALS to that of the benzotriazole, benzophenone, triazine, oxanilide, and cyanoacrylate based UVA is from about 20:80 to about 75:25.
5. A composition of claim 4 wherein, the polycarbonate is BPA
25 polycarbonate.
6. A composition of Claim 5 wherein the piperazinone and piperazine dione based HALS is selected from:



Formula I

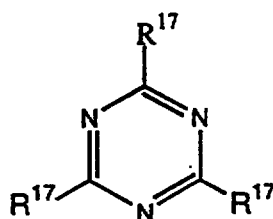


Formula II



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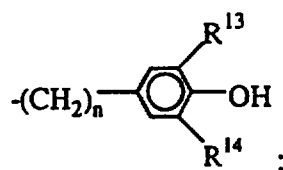


Formula IV

wherein:

- R^1 and R^2 are independently C_{1-24} alkyl, hydrogen, acyl, benzyl, C_{1-12} haloalkyl, C_{1-12} alkyl, C_{2-14} alkenyl, unsubstituted C_{7-14} aralkyl, or carboalkoxy;
- R^2 optionally also represents oxygen;
- R^3 and R^4 independently represent C_{1-18} haloalkyl, C_{1-18} alkyl, C_{5-18} cycloalkyl, C_{2-18} alkenyl, or unsubstituted C_{7-18} aralkyl; or R^3 and R^4 , when taken together with the carbon to which they are attached, form a C_{5-12} alicyclic ring;
- R^5 and R^6 are independently C_{1-18} haloalkyl, C_{1-18} alkyl, C_{2-18} alkenyl, or unsubstituted C_{7-18} aralkyl; or R^5 and R^6 when taken together with the carbon atom to which they are attached, form a C_{5-12} alicyclic ring;

R^7 is C_{1-20} alkyl, benzyl, $-A-C(=O)-O-R^{15}$, or



R^8 is hydrogen;

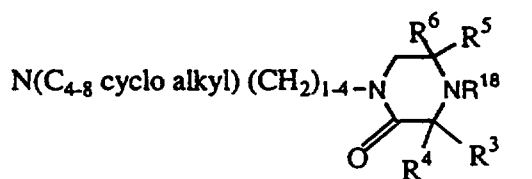
R^9 and R^{10} independently represent C_{1-18} haloalkyl, C_{1-18} alkyl, C_{5-18} cycloalkyl, C_{2-18} alkenyl, or unsubstituted C_{7-18} aralkyl; or R^9 and R^{10} , when taken together with the carbon to which they are attached, form a C_{5-12} alicyclic ring;

R^{11} and R^{12} are independently C_{1-18} haloalkyl, C_{1-18} alkyl, C_{2-18} alkenyl, or unsubstituted C_{7-18} aralkyl; or R^{11} and R^{12} when taken together with the carbon atom to which they are attached, form a C_{5-12} alicyclic ring;

R^{13} and R^{14} are independently C_{1-8} alkyl, wherein at least one of said groups is branched on the α carbon atom;

R^{15} is C_{1-20} alkyl;

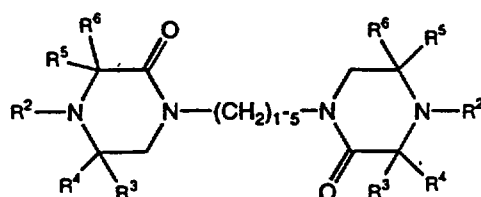
R^{17} is



R^{18} is H or C_{1-4} alkyl;

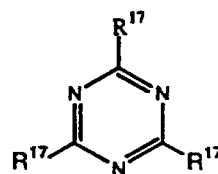
- 15 A is a straight or branched chain (lower) alkylene having from 1 to 6 carbon atoms optionally substituted with $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$ alkyl; and
n represents an integer from 1 to 4.

7. A composition of Claim 6 wherein the HALS is a piperazinone represented by:



Formula III

and

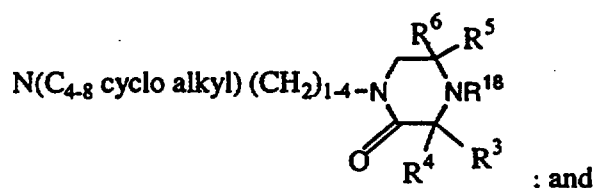


Formula IV

wherein:

R³, R⁴, R⁵, and R⁶ are each methyl;

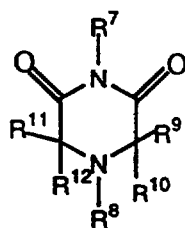
R¹⁷ is



; and

R¹⁸ is H or C₁₋₄ alkyl.

8. A composition of claim 7 wherein the HALS is a piperazine dione
represented by

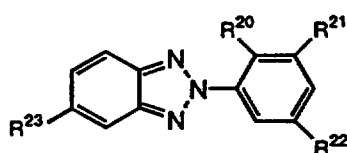


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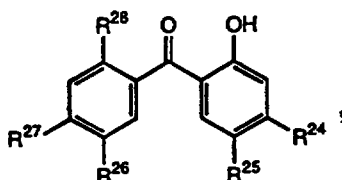
wherein:

- R⁹ and R¹⁰ independently represent methyl; or R⁹ and R¹⁰, when taken together
with the carbon to which they are attached, form a cyclohexyl ring; and
R¹¹ and R¹² independently methyl; or R¹¹ and R¹², when taken together with the
carbon atom to which they are attached, form a cyclohexyl ring.

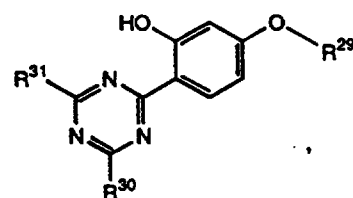
9. A composition of Claim 6 wherein the benzotriazole, benzophenone, triazine, oxanilide, and cyanoacrylate based UVA is selected from:



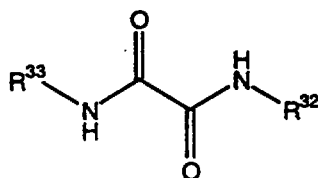
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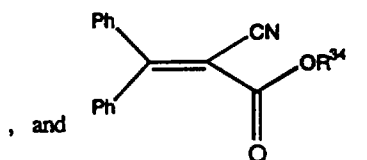
Formula VI



Formula VII



Formula VIII

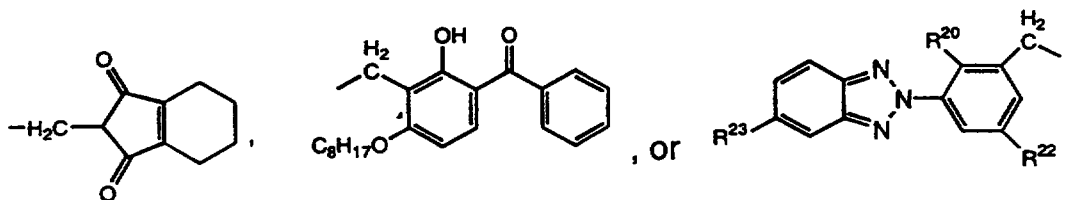


Formula IX

wherein:

R^{20} is OH;

R^{21} is C_1 - C_{15} branched or straight chain alkyl, $C(CH_3)_2C_6H_5$,



R^{22} is C_1 - C_{15} branched or straight chain alkyl, $-C(CH_3)_2C_6H_5$, $-(CH_2)_2-C(O)-O-C_6H_{17}$, $-CH_2CH_2-C(O)-O-(C_2H_4O)_8-H$, $-CH_2CH_2-O-C(O)-C(CH_3)=CH_2$, or $-C(C_6H_5)_2-CH_3$;

R^{23} is H or Cl;



R^{24} is OH, $-OC_1-C_{12}$ alkyl, $-O-CH_2CH=CH_2$, $-O-(CH_2)_3Si(OEt)_3$, $-OCH_2COOH$, $-O(CH_2)_2OC(O)-CH=CH_2$, $-OCH_2CH_2OH$, or $-O-CH_2-CH(OH)-CH_2O-C_8H_{17}$;

R^{25} is H, benzoyl, SO_3H , or SO_3Na ;

R^{26} is H, SO_3H , or SO_3Na ;

5 R^{27} is H, OH, OCH_3 , or $-C(CH_3)_3$;

R^{28} is H or OH;

R^{29} is $-C_1-C_{10}$ alkyl, or $-C_{1-6}$ branched or straight chain alkyl- $O-C_{10}-C_{15}$ straight chain alkyl;

10 R^{30} and R^{31} independently represent a phenyl radical optionally substituted with up to two C_1-C_4 alkyl substituents;

R^{32} and R^{33} independently represent aryl groups substituted with at least one of C_1-C_{12} alkyl or C_1-C_8 alkoxy group; and

R^{34} represents C_1-C_8 straight chain alkyl group, C_4-C_8 branched alkyl group, or C_1-C_6 hydroxy alkyl group.

15 10. A composition of claim 9 wherein the UVA is 2-(2'-hydroxy aryl benzotriazole), 2,4-diaryl-6-(2'-hydroxy aryl)-s-triazines, or 4,6-dibenzoyl resorcinol.

11. A composition comprising:

- 20 (a) a polycarbonate;
- (b) at least one of a piperazinone and piperazine dione based HALS;
- (c) at least one of a benzotriazole, benzophenone, triazine, oxanilide, and cyanoacrylate based UVA.
- (d) an additive; and
- 25 (e) a blend stock.

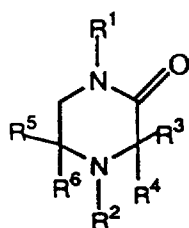
12. A composition of Claim 11, wherein:

(a) the polycarbonate comprises from about 10% to about 99.9% by weight of the total composition; (b) the piperazinone and piperazine dione based HALS and the a benzotriazole, benzophenone, triazine, oxanilide, and cyanoacrylate based UVA taken together, comprise from about 0.05% to about 10% by weight of the total composition; (c) additives comprise from about 0.01% to about 25% by weight of the total composition; and (d) the blend stock comprises from about 0% to about 89% by weight of the total composition.

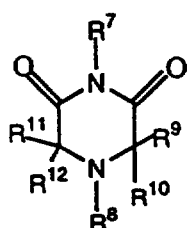
13. A composition of Claim 12, wherein the weight ratio of the piperazinone and piperazine dione based HALS to the a benzotriazole, benzophenone, triazine, oxanilide, and cyanoacrylate based UVA is from about 5:95 to about 90:10.

14. A composition of Claim 13 wherein, the polycarbonate is BPA polycarbonate.

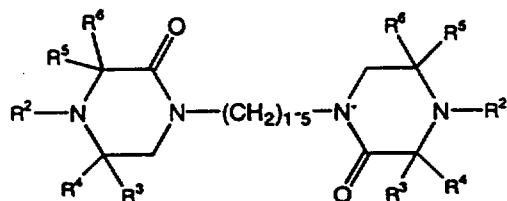
15. A composition of Claim 14 wherein the piperazinone and piperazine dione based HALS is selected from:



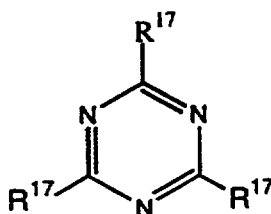
Formula I



Formula II



Formula III



Formula IV

wherein:

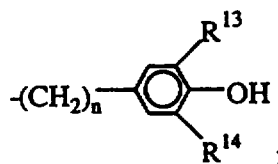
R^1 and R^2 are independently C_{1-24} alkyl, hydrogen, acyl, benzyl, C_{1-12} haloalkyl, C_{1-12} alkyl, C_{2-14} alkenyl, unsubstituted C_{7-14} aralkyl, or carboalkoxy;

5 R^2 optionally also represents oxygen;

R^3 and R^4 independently represent C_{1-18} haloalkyl, C_{1-18} alkyl, C_{5-18} cycloalkyl, C_{2-18} alkenyl, or unsubstituted C_{7-18} aralkyl; or R^3 and R^4 , when taken together with the carbon to which they are attached, form a C_{5-12} alacyclic ring;

R^5 and R^6 are independently C_{1-18} haloalkyl, C_{1-18} alkyl, C_{2-18} alkenyl, or
10 unsubstituted C_{7-18} aralkyl; or R^5 and R^6 when taken together with the carbon atom to which they are attached, form a C_{5-12} alicyclic ring;

R^7 is C_{1-20} alkyl, benzyl, $-A-C(=O)-O-R^{15}$, or



R^8 is hydrogen;

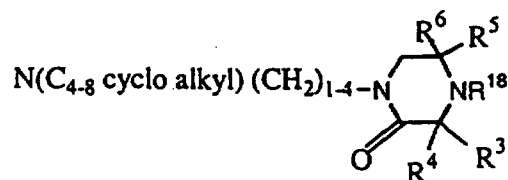
15 R^9 and R^{10} independently represent C_{1-18} haloalkyl, C_{1-18} alkyl, C_{5-18} cycloalkyl, C_{2-18} alkenyl, or unsubstituted C_{7-18} aralkyl; or R^9 and R^{10} , when taken together with the carbon to which they are attached, form a C_{4-11} alacyclic ring;

R^{11} and R^{12} are independently C_{1-18} haloalkyl, C_{1-18} alkyl, C_{2-18} alkenyl, or unsubstituted C_{7-18} aralkyl; or R^{11} and R^{12} when taken together with the carbon
20 atom to which they are attached, form a C_{5-12} alacyclic ring;

R^{13} and R^{14} are independently C_{1-8} alkyl, wherein at least one of said groups is branched on the α carbon atom;

R^{15} is C_{1-20} alkyl;

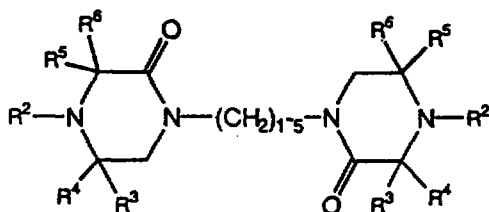
R¹⁷ is



R¹⁸ is H or C₁₋₄ alkyl;

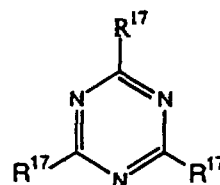
A is a straight or branched chain (lower) alkylene having from 1 to 6 carbon atoms optionally substituted with C₁-C₆ alkyl; and
n represents an integer from 1 to 4.

16. A composition of Claim 15 wherein the HALS is a piperazinone represented by:



Formula III

and

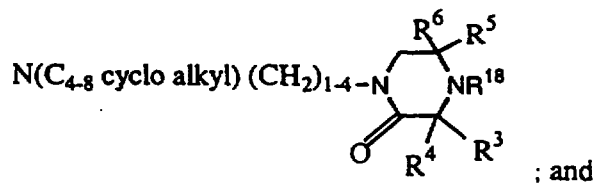


Formula IV

wherein:

R³, R⁴, R⁵, and R⁶ are each methyl;

R¹⁷ is

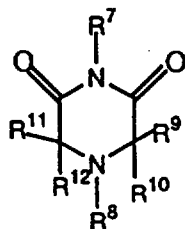


; and

R¹⁸ is H or C₁₋₄ alkyl,.

17. A composition of claim 16 wherein the HALS is a piperazine dione represented by

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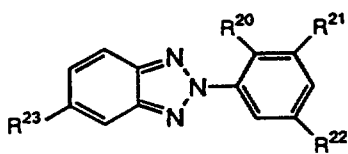


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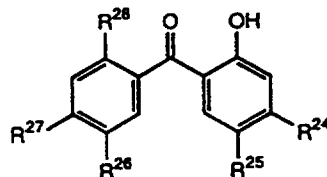
wherein:

- R⁹ and R¹⁰ independently represent methyl; or R⁹ and R¹⁰, when taken together with the carbon to which they are attached, form a cyclohexyl ring; and
 5 R¹¹ and R¹² independently methyl; or R¹¹ and R¹², when taken together with the carbon atom to which they are attached, form a cyclohexyl ring.

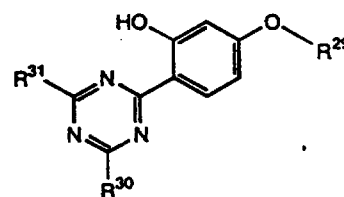
18. A composition of Claim 15 wherein the a benzotriazole, benzophenone, triazine, oxanilide, and cyanoacrylate based UVA is selected
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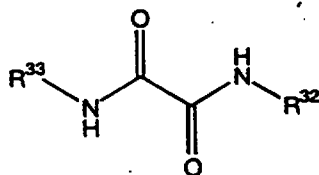
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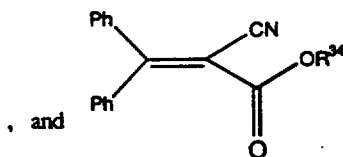
Formula VI



Formula VII



Formula VIII



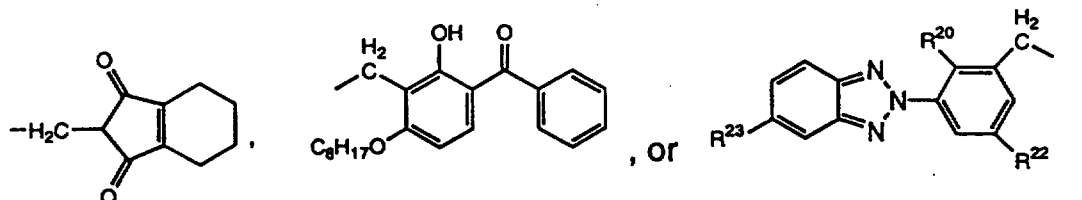
Formula IX

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wherein:

R^{20} is OH;

R^{21} is C_1 - C_{15} branched or straight chain alkyl, $C(CH_3)_2C_6H_5$,



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R^{22} is C_1 - C_{15} branched or straight chain alkyl, $-C(CH_3)_2C_6H_5$, $-(CH_2)_2-C(O)-O-C_8H_{17}$, $-CH_2-CH_2-C(O)-O-(C_2H_4O)_8-H$, $-CH_2CH_2-O-C(O)-C(CH_3)=CH_2$, or $-C(C_6H_5)_2-CH_3$;

R^{23} is H or Cl;

10 R^{24} is OH, $-OC_1-C_{12}$ alkyl, $-O-CH_2CH=CH_2$, $-O-(CH_2)_3Si(OEt)_3$, $-OCH_2COOH$, $-O(CH_2)_2OC(O)-CH=CH_2$, $-OCH_2CH_2OH$, or $-O-CH_2-CH(OH)-CH_2O-C_8H_{17}$;

R^{25} is H, benzoyl, SO_3H , or SO_3Na ;

R^{26} is H, SO_3H , or SO_3Na ;

R^{27} is H, OH, OCH_3 , or $-C(CH_3)_3$;

15 R^{28} is H or OH;

R^{29} is $-C_1-C_{10}$ alkyl, or $-C_1-C_6$ branched or straight chain alkyl- $O-C_{10}-C_{15}$ straight chain alkyl;

R^{30} and R^{31} independently represent a phenyl radical optionally substituted with up to two C_1-C_4 alkyl substituents;

20 R^{32} and R^{33} independently represent aryl groups substituted with at least one of C_1-C_6 alkyl or C_1-C_8 alkoxy group; and

R^{34} represents C_1-C_8 straight chain alkyl group, C_4-C_8 branched alkyl group, or C_1-C_6 hydroxy alkyl group.

19. A composition of Claim 18, wherein the additives comprise at least
25 one of colorants, stabilizers, impact modifiers, and processing aids.



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20. A composition of Claim 19, wherein the blend stock comprises at least one of aromatic polyesters, aliphatic polyesters, and styrenic polymers.