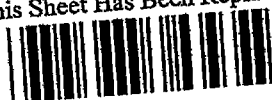


PVOH-BASED COATING COMPOSITION

ABSTRACT

Coating compositions which have improved oxygen and flavor/odor barrier characteristics are disclosed. The
5 coating compositions are obtained by coating a hydrophobic polymeric substrate, such as a polyolefin film, with an aqueous solution of polyvinyl alcohol and urea and drying the coating at a temperature sufficient to allow the polyvinyl alcohol and urea to crosslink such that urethane
10 linkages are formed at least between the polymeric substrate and the coating composition.

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