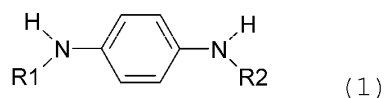


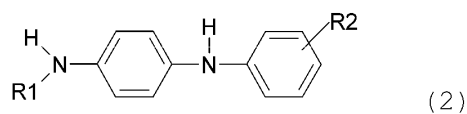
**Claims**

1. An adhesive composition comprising one or more (meth)acrylate ester monomers, a catalyst system and a retarding additive, wherein the retarding additive is a secondary amine.
2. The adhesive composition according to claim 1, wherein the secondary amine is a secondary amine comprising more than one secondary amine group.
3. The adhesive composition according to claim 2, wherein the secondary amine is a secondary aryl amine.
4. The adhesive composition according to claim 3, wherein the secondary aryl amine is selected from compounds having formula (1)



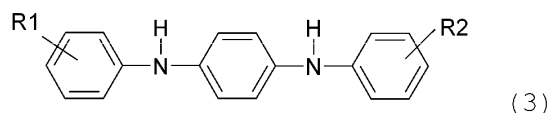
wherein R1 and R2 are independently selected from C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>18</sub> alkyl groups,

formula (2)



wherein R1 is selected from C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>18</sub> alkyl groups and R2 is selected from hydrogen or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl groups, or

formula (3)



wherein R1 and R2 are independently selected from hydrogen or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl groups.

5. The adhesive composition according to claim 1, wherein the retarding additive is selected from cyclic secondary amines.
6. The adhesive composition according to claim 5, wherein the cyclic secondary amine is a 2,2,4-trimethyl-1,2-dihydroquinoline polymer.
7. The adhesive composition according to any of the preceding claims, wherein the retarding additive is comprised in an amount of 1 % to 5 % by weight, based on the total weight of the adhesive composition.
8. The adhesive composition according to any of the preceding claims, wherein the one or more methacrylate ester monomers are comprised in an amount of 10 % to 90 % by weight, based on the total weight of the adhesive composition.
9. Use of a secondary amine or a mixture of secondary amines as a retarding additive for an adhesive composition comprising methacrylate monomers.