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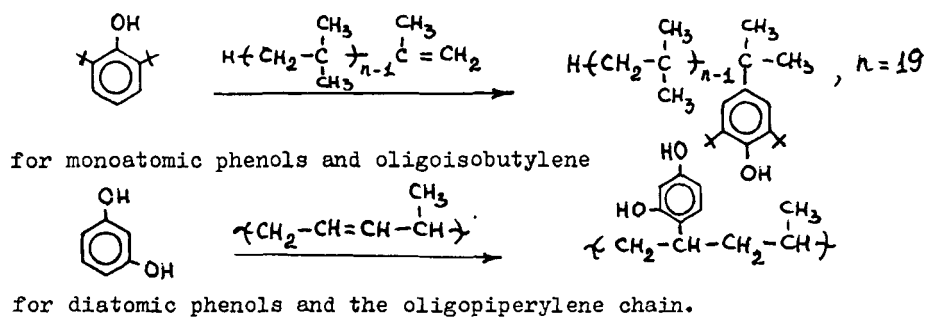
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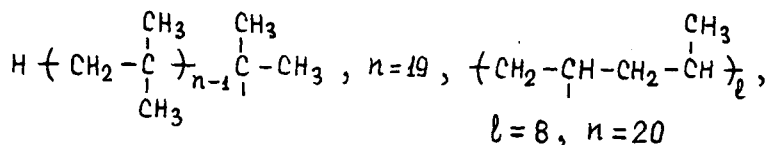
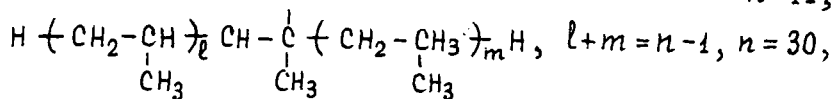
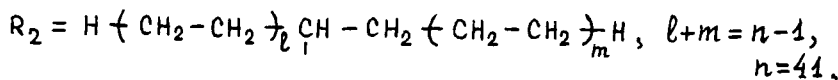
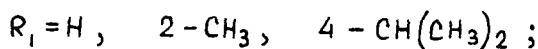
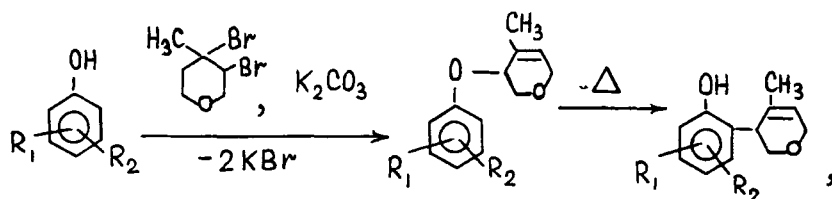
Traditional antioxidants, which are used for the stabilization of polymers against thermooxidative degradation, are easily evaporated during industrial processing, are insufficiently compatible with a polymer, or are extracted by water or organic solvents under operating conditions.

The polymer-analogous reaction provides opportunities for the synthesis of new non-toxic and highly effective chemical additives for polymers which do not have the above shortcomings.

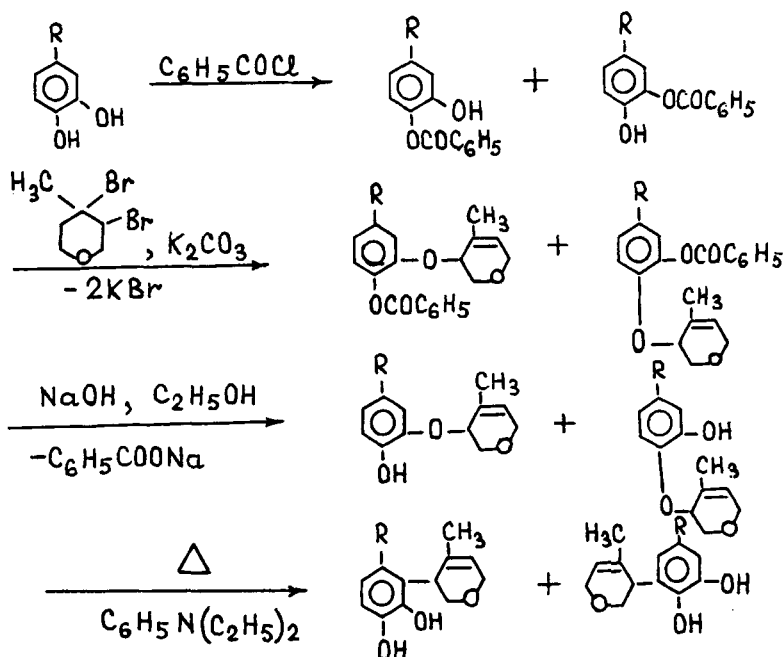
Commercial mono- and diatomic phenols, various aminophenols as well as by-products of a number of polymer production processes, for instance, of isobutylene, polyethylene, polypropylene, were used for the stabilizer synthesis. The alkylation of mono- and diatomic phenols by α -olefin oligomers (ethylene, propylene, isobutylene) or dienes (piperylene) to the aromatic ring in the presence of a catalytic quantity of complex aluminium salts proceeds according to the following scheme:



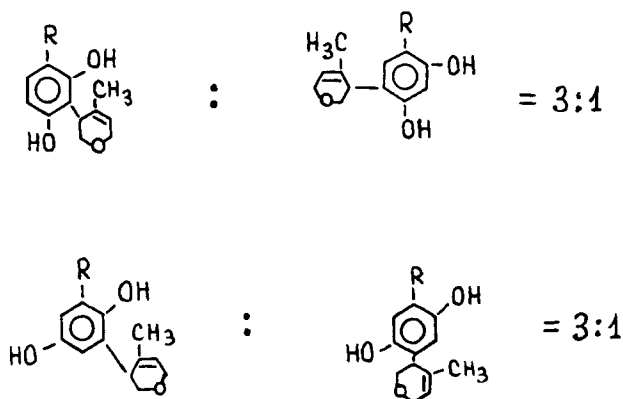
The total mesomeric increase in electrophilic substitution in the benzene ring that is caused by an hydroxyl group allows ready reaction with weak electrophiles. For diatomic phenols this reactivity increase is even more expressed. Therefore



ratio of phenols to benzoylchloride is 1.0:0.5) and then are condensed with 3,4-dibromo-4-methyl-tetrahydropyran. The obtained ortho-phenyl ethers, after hydrolysis of the protecting group, undergo regrouping into oligomer diatomic dihydropyranyl-phenols according to the following scheme:



The structures and yields of the synthesized products have been established by ^{13}C NMR-spectroscopy using the correlation of integration curves of the carbon signals in the benzene ring connected to the high molecular weight radical. In the case of pyrocatechol-based substances the isomer ratio is 1:1, for resorcinol- and hydroquinone is 3:1.



Testing of the synthesized compounds in real polymer formulations showed that they were characterized by a wide spectrum of stabilizing effects.

One may observe, that the addition of the poly- α -olefin-phenol to PVC samples slows down the dehydrochlorination process, improves the colour stability of the polymer and makes it easier to process the material due to an increase of the melt index (Table I). The stabilizing efficiency of macromolecular antioxidants depends on both the nature of the phenol and the polymer radicals. For diatomic phenols the effectiveness is higher, than for the monoatomic phenols. Effectiveness relates to variations in the polymer radical also: polyethylene < polypropylene < polyisobutylene.

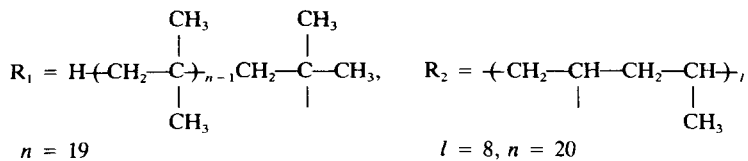
The presence of a polar heterocyclic substituent (4-methyl-5,6-dihydro-2H-pyranyl) in the oligomeric phenol molecule improves compatibility with PVC and increases lubricating effects. The compositions have been characterized by a large thermal stability period ($\tau = 54$, for a concentration of 1 m.p.), that is obviously connected with the HCl linking on the double bond of a pyranil radical. This allows partial substitution of, and in some cases to quite give up completely metal-containing stabilizers.

Oligomeric phenols and aminophenols proved to good in the halogen containing rubber formulations (CPE, EPC, CEPC, CEPCT). They extend the thermal stability of the composition by 2 or 3 fold compared to low molecular weight antioxidants, and considerably improve their physical and mechanical properties. In particular, the data given in Table I show that the introduction of 1.0 m.p. of oligomeric additive to a compositions based on chlorcontained rubbers not only increased the thermal stability and improved the colour stability, but also effected such physical/mechanic indices as relative lengthening, frost resistance and wearability.

TABLE I

The macromolecular antioxidants effect on thermal and colour stability of halogen-containing polymers

NN	Antioxidant, <i>C</i> = 1 m.p.	PVC τ , min. (175 C) colour, b	CPE τ , min. colour, b	CEPC τ , min. colour, b	CSPE τ , min. colour, b	CI τ , min. (130 C) colour, b
1.		41 2.0	40 2.0	31 2.5	27 2.5	—
2.		42 2.0	39 2.0	33 2.0	28 2.5	—
3.		40 2.0	42 2.0	35 2.0	28 3.0	—
4.		44 1.5	45 2.0	—	33 2.0	123 (CL)
5.		45 1.5	44 2.0	—	34 2.0	110 (CL)
6.		43 1.5	45 1.5	39 1.5	30 2.0	—
7.		54 1.5	58 1.5	—	47 1.5	—
8.		79 1.5	61 1.5	—	51 1.5	—
9.		20 4.5	24 4.5	20 4.5	17 5.0	80 (CL)



In the synthesis of new stabilizers the ecological and economic aspects should be considered as well. In connection with the above the proposed compounds possess great prospects, since they are made from raw byproduct oligomers from polymerization processes. This allows us to simultaneously solve the problem of the synthesis of effective non-toxic stabilizers with complex action, and the utilization of raw byproducts.