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(54) **Papermaking process using multi-polymer retention and drainage aid**

(57) The claimed invention comprises a papermaking process comprising forming an aqueous cellulosic papermaking slurry, adding to the slurry a mineral filler, adding to the slurry after the addition of the mineral filler a cationic polymeric coagulant, then adding to the slurry an effective flocculating amount of a high molecular

weight anionic polymer selected from the group consisting of acrylamide/sodium acrylate copolymers and copolymers of acrylamide and acrylamido methyl propyl sulfonate (AMPS), adding a low molecular weight anionic polymer selected from the group consisting of polyacrylic acid and methacrylic acid, draining the slurry to form a sheet, and drying to form a paper sheet.

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