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(54) **Plastic container having improved haze resistance and a method of reducing haze in plastic containers**

(57) A plastic container for beverages is described having improved resistance to haziness, the plastic comprising at least one plastic component. The plastic component is PEN, and the outer surface of the container is provided with a coating imparting improved resistance to haziness to the container.

A method of reducing haze on plastic containers for beverages is also described the plastic comprising at

least one plastic component comprising PEN. The container is refillable and of the type that is subjected to at least one trip during its shelf life, the trip including a washing step and a filling step. A coating is applied on the outer surface of the container between said steps or after the filling step to impart to the container an improved resistance to haziness.

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