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Thermal properties of biofilms obtained from epoxidized fatty esters *Pseudoplatystoma corruscans, mesopotamicus Piaractus* and *Glycine*

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For the formation of a biofilm it is ideal that it is composed of at least a macromolecule such as starch (polysaccharide) and gelatin (protein). Biofilms obtained from these two types of polymers, indicate good mechanical properties and good barrier to gas vapour, O₂ and CO₂ present, little resistance to water vapour permeability, they are significantly soluble. An outlet for repairing such low permeability to water vapour is the inclusion of lipids to these polymeric bases. This study aimed to evaluate the thermal properties (DSC) films produced from lipophilic corn starch, gelatin (4:1) and ester fatty epoxidized (15% by weight of the starch) of two species of fish, *Pseudoplatystoma corruscans* (EPPI) and *Piaractus mesopotamicus* (EPPA), and plant species Glycine max (EPSO). The determination of the glass transition temperature (Tg) analyses were performed by differential scanning calorimetry, using a TA Instruments calorimeter (USA), Model TA 2010. The sample film pattern composed of starch and gelatin showed only lower Tg two of the samples, 99.29°C except for sample EPPI which showed glass transition temperature 64.90°C, as another animal species, EPPA indicated two Tg ranges, 123.72°C and 136.19°C and EPSO indicated only approximately 122.96°C, or these temperatures, biofilms exhibit a change in physical properties of the starting material, which passes from a rigid state to a viscous state.

Biography

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