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(57) Abstract: A hot melt pressure-sensitive adhesive composition that includes thermoplastic polymer, tackifying agent, plasticizer oil, and from at least 5 % by weight to about 25 % by weight vegetable wax.

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1. claims: 1-15, 18-19 (when referring to claims 1 or 8)

HMA comprising block polymer, tackifier, plasticizer and vegetable wax  
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2. claims: 16-17, 18-19 (when referring to claim 16)

HMA comprising metallocene polymer, tackifier, plasticizer and vegetable wax  
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