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### PROCESS FOR IMPROVING THE DURABILITY OF WATER-DISPERSIBLE TEXTILE FINISHES

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This invention relates to a process for treating fabrics which contain textile finishes prepared from water dispersible polyester and polyesteramide compositions containing a monovalent metal cation to increase the durability of the finish. In particular, fabrics which have been coated with these finishes, coated and thermally crosslinked, or coated and radiation crosslinked are treated with an aqueous solution of a polyvalent metal cation such as  $Mn^{+2}$ ,  $Zn^{+2}$ ,  $Ba^{+2}$ ,  $Al^{+3}$  and  $Ca^{+2}$ . This process increases the durability of the finish by making the finish less soluble in water.