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Oligomers are molecules made up of a small number of repeating units (monomers) linked together by chemical bonds. They are larger than monomers but smaller than polymers.

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Oligomers are of increasing interest to scientists as their migration potential indicates that they contribute to human exposure. Still, not much is known about how they might affect human health.

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Plastic food contact materials from which oligomers have been found to migrate:

- Polyamide
- PET
- Polystyrene
- Silicone
- And more

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