interchange reaction

Reaction that results in an exchange of atoms or groups between a polymer and low-molar-mass molecules, between polymer molecules, or between sites within the same macromolecule.

Note:
An interchange reaction that occurs with polyesters is called transesterification.

Source:
PAC, 2004, 76, 889 (Definitions of terms relating to reactions of polymers and to functional polymeric materials (IUPAC Recommendations 2003)) on page 892