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The Mössbauer spectra (MS) of SmFe$_{1-x}$Co$_x$AsO, where $x=0.0$, $0.05$, and $0.1$, were measured in applied fields up to 9 T and at temperatures between 4.2 K and 298 K. SmFeAsO is magnetically ordered with $T_N=138$ K and has a hyperfine magnetic field of 5.05 T at 4.2 K. In a 9 T magnetic field the MS is consistent with a distribution of hyperfine magnetic fields and has a width of $H_{applied} + H_{hyperfine} \approx 13$ T, suggesting that the sample is not polarized and evidence of strong magnetic anisotropy. The MS of SmFe$_{0.95}$Co$_{0.05}$AsO is well-described by a Lorentzian peak from room temperature to 4.2 K. From room temperature to ~25 K the linewidth is 0.30 mm/sec but then increases to 0.72 mm/sec when cooled from 25 K to 10 K. Below 10 K it remains constant. The MS of SmFe$_{0.9}$Co$_{1}$AsO shows no evidence of internal field at any temperature.

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