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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

1. Notifying Member: <u>TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):
2. Agency responsible: Trinidad and Tobago Bureau of Standards 1-2 Century Drive Trincity Industrial Estate Macoya, Tunapuna Tel : 868-645-6222 Fax: 868-663-4335 Email: ttbs@ttbs.org.tt Website: www.gottbs.com Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, email and website addresses, if available) of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above:
3. Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [], 5.6.2 [], 5.7.1 [], 3.2 [], 7.2 [], other:
4. Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Products of the chemical industry in general (ICS code(s): 71.100.01); Chemicals for industrial and domestic disinfection purposes (ICS code(s): 71.100.35); Surface active agents (ICS code(s): 71.100.40)
5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: General purpose cleaning and disinfecting products - Compulsory requirements; (19 page(s), in English)
6. Description of content: This standard establishes compulsory chemical and labelling requirements for general purpose cleaning and disinfecting products for household purposes and automotive applications (including dilutable products). This standard applies to the following products: a) general purpose cleaners, including but not limited to multipurpose and multi-surface cleaners; EXAMPLE Products for cleaning floors, kitchens, countertops, sinks and hard surfaces such as stovetops, cooktops, and microwaves etc. b) disinfectants including disinfectants containing quaternary ammonium compounds (QACs) in liquid, powder, cream, tablet and gel forms; c) laundry detergent sheets and pellets; d) hand dishwashing detergents in liquid, cream, paste and gel forms; e) automatic dishwasher detergents;

- f) oxidizing or bleaching agents including calcium hypochlorite in granular, tablet, foam, cream, powder format and bleaching gel pens;
- g) engine degreasers;
- h) automotive cleaners in liquid, cream, gel formats for multipurpose applications;
- i) spot or stain removers;
- j) aerosols that function as general purpose cleaners for household and automotive applications; and
- k) sanitizers not designed for human application.

EXAMPLE: Tyre, engine, dashboard, console, carpet, upholstery, oven, window, floor, bathroom, fabric and kitchen cleaners etc.

TTCS 21: 20XX also applies to the concentrated versions of the products mentioned above and cleaning wipes and disinfecting wipes (or pads) related to the aforementioned products.

This standard does not apply to the following products:

- 1) automotive hard paste waxes with no cleaning or disinfecting properties;
- 2) automotive rubbing or polishing compound with no cleaning or disinfecting properties;
- 3) floor polishes and waxes with no cleaning or disinfecting properties;
- 4) alcohol-based and non-alcohol based handrubs or hand sanitizers;
- 5) fabric softeners with no cleaning or disinfecting properties;
- 6) liquid sodium hypochlorite solutions which are covered under the national *standard TTCS 1, Sodium hypochlorite solution (Liquid chlorine bleach) – Compulsory requirements*;
- 7) laundry detergents (pods, bars, liquids and powders) which are covered under the national standard *TTCS 7, Laundry detergents – Compulsory requirements*
- 8) cosmetics;
- 9) cleaning products primarily intended for use on human beings and animals;
- 10) pesticides which are covered under the national standard *TTS 76: Part 8, Requirements for labelling- Part 8: Labelling of retail packages of pesticides*;
- 11) products covered under any other national standards; and
- 12) products covered under national regulations issued by other Government Ministries and agencies.

7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Consumer information, labelling; Protection of human health or safety; Protection of the environment

8. Relevant documents:

The following are the normative references:

ASTM International

ASTM D820, *Standard Test Methods for Chemical Analysis of Soaps Containing Synthetic Detergents*

International Organization for Standardization

ISO 10707, *Water quality - Evaluation in an aqueous medium of the ultimate aerobic biodegradability of organic compounds – Method by analysis of biochemical oxygen demand (closed bottle test)*

<p>ISO 10708, <i>Water quality — Evaluation in an aqueous medium of the ultimate aerobic biodegradability of organic compounds — Determination of biochemical oxygen demand in a two-phase closed bottle test</i></p> <p><u>Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development</u></p> <p>OECD 301D, <i>Guideline for testing of chemicals – Closed bottle test</i></p> <p><u>Trinidad and Tobago Bureau of Standards</u></p> <p>TTCS 20 :20XX, <i>Labelling of goods – Prepackaged goods – Compulsory requirements</i></p> <p><u>United Nations</u></p> <p>Globally harmonized system of classification and labelling of chemicals (GHS)</p>	
<p>9. Proposed date of adoption: To be determined</p> <p>Proposed date of entry into force: To be determined</p>	
<p>10. Final date for comments: 60 days from notification</p>	
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