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PRESIDENCY FLASH

WORKING PARTY ON TECHNICAL HARMONISATION
(DANGEROUS SUBSTANCES - CHEMICALS)

16 SEPTEMBER 2024, MONDAY, 10.00

Dear Colleagues,

We hope the memory of your summer vacation is not too distant and you had the opportunity to relax and recharge to be ready for the second Working Party meeting on the **Detergents and Surfactants Proposal** under the Hungarian Presidency that will take place on **16 September** as a full day meeting.

The meeting will start at 10 am and the aim of the Presidency is to go through the entire proposal, paying special attention to the topics already identified as major differences between the positions of the co-legislators. The Presidency will present the main conclusions that can be drawn from your written comments and previous interventions.

We intend to have an exchange of views on topics where there may be a need for more analysis of the room for manoeuvre or where the Member States' policy choices are divided (e.g.: product requirements, labelling, DPP and transitional provisions with the relevant Annexes). Our aim is to prepare a comprehensive negotiating position on other well-discussed topics as well (e.g.: obligations of manufacturers, penalties, reporting and evaluation).

Member States will be invited to send further additional written comments or questions needed to be clarified after the meeting until **2 October** to the functional emails: detergents.hupres@mfa.gov.hu and tech.harmonisation@consilium.europa.eu

We would like to kindly ask you to use the 4 column document for your comments and send them through the communication channels listed above. By doing so, you are helping the work of the Presidency tremendously.

Please, do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns either in the Whatsapp group or by email (detergents.hupres@mfa.gov.hu).

Looking forward to seeing you next Monday.

Kind regards,

The Hungarian Detergents Team

The Hungarian stain remover soap: Carola or Caola? 😊

The history of textile cleaning dates back to ancient times, with evidence of soap making found on a Sumerian clay tablet from 4,500 BC. This soap was likely used for bathing and cleaning clothes.

Hungary had a renowned soap-making industry, with the first soap master in Sopron in 1379. Caola is a historic Hungarian brand known for its soaps and cosmetics, with a history dating back to 1831. It was founded by József Hutter, a master soap-maker, and became one of the most prominent companies in Hungary. Hutter's factory was one of the legal predecessors of Hermann Baeder's factory. The name "**Caola**" was coined by Hermann Baeder, who named the brand after his daughter, Carola, who had difficulty pronouncing her own name.

The chemical industry's rapid development led to the creation of synthetic detergents. The first substitute for soap, sulfurized castor oil, emerged in 1834. Later, a substance similar to soap was produced from propylene as a by-product of oil processing and proved to be excellent for washing textiles.

The brand evolved over the years, producing a wide range of products, including soaps, creams, deodorants, and other personal care items. Caola also became notable for its export market, selling to neighbouring countries like Romania, Italy, and – at that time – Yugoslavia and Czechoslovakia. The brand experienced changes in ownership over the years but remained a well-known name in Hungarian cosmetics and household products. In recent years, Caola has been revitalized and remains 100% Hungarian-owned, producing both classic and new products in its range.

