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Dear colleagues,
Hola!

It is our pleasure to welcome you all to the upcoming Working Party meeting on Technical Harmonization, to be held this 31, October, starting at 10:00 in the Council premises. It will be a **morning-only meeting**, and, as reflected in the already issued draft version of the agenda, it will be focused on the examination of the Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on detergents and surfactants, amending Regulation (EU) 2019/1020 and repealing Regulation (EC) No 648/2004.

During this meeting, the Presidency will invite the European Commission to present the current text in detail and, therefore, delegations will be able to formulate all comments and questions necessary. In order to facilitate and better frame the debate on the proposal, upon request from the EC officers in charge of the file, we will proceed by examining the document in clusters, grouping several articles as follows:

1. Cluster 1 – Product Requirements

Article 1 – Scope

Article 3 – Free movement

Article 4 – Biodegradability

Article 5 – Detergents containing micro-organisms

Article 6 - Limitations on the content of phosphates and other phosphorus compounds

Article 26(6) – Delegated powers

Article 32 – Micro-organisms review

Article 2 – Definitions

points (1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7), (8), (9), (10), (11), (12)

Annex I - Biodegradability requirements referred to in Article 4

Annex II - Requirements for detergents containing micro-organisms referred to in Article 5

Annex III - Limitations on the content of phosphates and other phosphorus compounds referred to in Article 6

Annex VII - Test methods referred to in Article 22(2)

2. Cluster 2 – NLF & Market Surveillance

Article 7 - Obligations of manufacturers

Article 8 - Authorised representative

Article 9 - Obligations of importers

Article 10 - Obligations of distributors

Article 11 - Cases in which obligations of manufacturers apply to importers and distributors

Article 12 - Packaging and repackaging by importers and distributors

Article 13 - Identification of economic operators

Article 14 - Rules and conditions for affixing the CE marking

Article 22 – Procedure at national level for dealing with detergents and surfactants presenting a risk

Article 23 - Union safeguard procedure

Article 24 - Compliant detergents and surfactants which present a risk to health or to the environment

Article 25 - Formal non-compliance

Article 2 – Definitions

points 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25

Annex IV - Conformity assessment procedure referred to in Article 7(2)

3. Cluster 3 – Labelling & Digital labelling

Article 15 - General labelling requirements

Article 16 - Forms of labelling

Article 17 – Requirements for digital labelling

Article 26 (7), (8) and (9) – Delegated Powers

Article 2 – Definitions

points 27, 32, 33, 35

Annex V – Labelling Requirements



4. Cluster 4 – Product Passport

Article 18 – Product Passport

Article 19 - Technical design and operation of the product passport

Article 20 - Product passport registry

Article 21 - Customs controls relating to the product passport

Article 26(1), (2), (3) and (4) – Delegated powers

Article 2 – Definitions

points 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31

Annex VI – Product Passport

We are planning on addressing the **first 3 clusters**, should we have time enough to do so.

Looking forward to seeing you,

The Spanish Presidency team.

