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WORKING PARTY ON TECHNICAL HARMONISATION
(DANGEROUS SUBSTANCES - CHEMICALS)

11 JULY 2024, THURSDAY, 10.00 – ROOM JL 35.3

Dear Colleagues,

We are happy to take work forward on the **Proposal for a Regulation on Detergents and Surfactants** and would like to use this opportunity to thank our Trio partners – Spain and Belgium – that they made it possible for us to start negotiations with the European Parliament. The Hungarian Presidency aims to make substantial progress in this file during the second half of 2024.

The first Working Party meeting will be held on **11 July**, as a full day meeting, from 10:00. Our aim is to start the analysis of the European Parliament's position and identify the major differences between the position of the EP and the mandate of the Council. We have prepared a steering note ahead of the meeting to assist your work.

In addition to reviewing the positions of the co-legislators, the primary objective of the meeting is for the Presidency to understand how to effectively conduct future negotiations with the European Parliament. Therefore, we kindly request that you share your views on the principal differences between the Council mandate and the European Parliament's position, emphasizing your areas of flexibility as well as any potential red lines. We have identified the following topics as potentially the most sensitive:

- phosphorus content;
- ingredients data sheet;
- biodegradability requirements;
- microorganisms;
- animal testing;
- obligations of manufacturers and authorised representative;
- labelling requirements;
- digital product passport;
- penalties.

You are invited to send written comments after the Working Party meeting to detergents.hupres@mfa.gov.hu and tech.harmonisation@consilium.europa.eu until **7 August**.

Please, do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

We are very much looking forward to working together with you over the next semester and hope that our joint efforts will lead to a harmonised revision of the regulation, resulting in favourable outcomes for both the environment and the competitiveness of Europe.

Best regards,

The Hungarian Detergents Team

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Even for the busy women of the socialist era, it was extremely important to manage their time well. When working mothers returned home in the afternoon, and even had to cook for the family, they definitely did not think of the blue bird of happiness when looking at the pile of laundry. Instead, they had the **Unimo** universal detergent, which promised to wash all kinds of clothes, curtains, tablecloths and bed linen, and all of this was presented with a teddy bear and the cutest mini sink in the world.

Would you have bought the retro detergent? 😊