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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

<b>1. Notifying Member:</b> <u>JAMAICA</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> Bureau of Standards Jamaica <b>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:</b> Regional and International Office 6 Winchester Road Kingston 10 Jamaica W.I. Email: <a href="mailto:info@bsj.org.jm">info@bsj.org.jm</a> Website: <a href="http://www.bsj.org.jm">http://www.bsj.org.jm</a> Tel.: 1 (876) 926-3140-5/618 – 1534/632-4275 Fax: 1 (876) 929-4736
<b>3. Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [ ], 5.6.2 [ ], 5.7.1 [ ], other:</b>
<b>4. Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):</b> Surface active agents (ICS: 71.100.40).
<b>5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:</b> Jamaican Standard Specification for Synthetic laundry detergent powder (15 page(s), in English)
<b>6. Description of content:</b> This document specifies the specification for synthetic laundry detergent powder. It specifies the chemical and physical requirements identifying maximum and minimum permissible limits of key parameters. It also covers essential ingredients, test methods and requirements for packaging, labelling and sampling.
<b>7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:</b> This document which was developed in response to concerns expressed by environmentalists regarding beach erosion and algal growth in closed water-ways, have led to reformulations of synthetic detergents in an effort to mitigate their negative impact on the environment. National concerns were raised about the permissible levels of phosphates in detergents, which are present and observed at high levels in wastewater discharges from industrial, commercial, agricultural and domestic sources. Also, manufacturers and distributors expressed their concerns about the high minimum active ingredients requirement which had no scientific rationale and was proving to be an unnecessary barrier to trade.
<b>8. Relevant documents:</b> A notice of the <i>Jamaican Standard Specification for Synthetic laundry detergent powder</i> will appear in The Jamaica Gazette Supplement - Proclamations, Rules and Regulations. The document will appear as a Jamaican Standard Specification, with mandatory status, and will be available for sale.

<b>9.</b>	<b>Proposed date of adoption:</b> Date of publication in the Jamaica Gazette Supplement - Proclamations, Rules and Regulations. <b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> Six months following date of publication in the Jamaica Gazette Supplement - Proclamations, Rules and Regulations.
<b>10.</b>	<b>Final date for comments:</b> 13 July 2017
<b>11.</b>	<b>Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:</b> The full text of the proposed technical regulation (mandatory standard) can be directly accessed on the website of the Bureau Standards Jamaica: <a href="http://www.bsj.org.jm">http://www.bsj.org.jm</a>