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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>COLOMBIA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):
2. Agency responsible: <i>Ministerio de Salud y Protección Social</i> (Ministry of Health and Social Welfare); <i>Ministerio de Ambiente y Desarrollo Sostenible</i> (Ministry of the Environment and Sustainable Development) 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: <i>Ministerio de Comercio, Industria y Turismo</i> (Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Tourism)
3. Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [], 5.6.2 [X], 5.7.1 [], other:
4. Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Detergents and soaps (HS codes: 3401, 3402 and 3405400000)
5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: <i>Proyecto de Resolución del Ministerio de Salud y Protección Social y el Ministerio de Ambiente y Desarrollo Sostenible "Por la cual se adopta el reglamento técnico que establece los límites máximos de fósforo y la biodegradabilidad de los tensoactivos presentes en detergentes y jabones, y se dictan otras disposiciones"</i> (Draft Resolution of the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare and the Ministry of the Environment and Sustainable Development "adopting the Technical Regulation establishing the maximum levels of phosphorus and the biodegradability of surfactants in detergents and soaps, and introducing other provisions") (16 pages, in Spanish)
6. Description of content: The notified text establishes the maximum levels of phosphorus and the biodegradability of surfactants in detergents and soaps. It covers the following: Purpose; Scope; Definitions; Obligations of manufacturers and importers of detergents and soaps; Maximum permissible phosphorus levels; Biodegradability requirement; Conformity assessment procedure; Conformity certificates; Obligation to inform of manufacturers and importers of detergents and soaps for institutional and industrial use; Inspection, monitoring and control; Penalties; Review and updating; Transitional regime; and Period of validity and derogations.
7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: To protect health and the environment.
8. Relevant documents: Resolution (<i>Resolución</i>) No. 427 of 2 March 2009, notified in document G/TBT/N/COL/126, and Resolution No. 0451 of 5 March 2010, notified in document G/TBT/N/COL/126/Add.1, of the Ministry of the Environment, Housing and Regional Development; Resolution No. 1974, notified in document G/TBT/N/COL/39/Add.1, and Resolution No. 1975, notified in document G/TBT/N/COL/40/Add.1 of 19 June 2007, of the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare; Colombian Technical Standards (<i>Norma Técnica Colombiana</i>) NTC 5604 of 2008 and NTC/ISO/IEC 17050, Parts 1 and 2; Council Regulation (EC) No. 440/2008 of 30 May 2008, Section C.4.; and the judgment in file AP 25000-23-27-000-2001-9479-01 of 28 March 2014, declared enforceable on 14 August 2014 (point 4.61).

9. Proposed date of adoption: Date on which the Resolution is signed. Proposed date of entry into force: Six months from the date of publication in the Official Journal.
10. Final date for comments: 14 December 2015
11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body: Enquiry point: Contact person: Daniel Héctor Rico R. Email: drico@mincit.gov.co / puntocontacto@mincit.gov.co Tel.: +(57-1) 606-7676, Ext. 1690 Ministerio de Comercio, Industria y Turismo Dirección de Regulación Calle 28 No. 13A - 15, tercer piso Bogotá, D.C. Colombia Website: http://www.mincit.gov.co/publicaciones.php?id=33051 Ministerio de Salud y Protección Social Dirección de Promoción y Prevención Subdirección de Salud Ambiental Carrera 13 N° 32 - 76 Bogotá, D.C., Colombia Tel.: +(57-1) 330-5000 Email: jmolina@minsalud.gov.co Website: http://www.minproteccionsocial.gov.co/ Ministerio de Ambiente y Desarrollo Sostenible Dirección Técnica de Asuntos Ambientales Sectorial y Urbana Carrera 37 N° 8 - 40 Bogotá, D.C., Colombia Tel.: +(57-1) 332-3400, Ext. 1146 Email: kromero@minambiente.gov.co Website: https://www.minambiente.gov.co/ Also available at: https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2015/TBT/COL/15_3656_00_S.pdf