

## **REGULATIONS HARMONISED AT EUROPEAN LEVEL**

# **DETERGENTS**

### **SCOPE**

'**Detergent**' means any substance or preparation containing soaps or other surfactants intended for washing and cleaning processes. Detergents may be in any form (i.e. liquid, powder, paste, bar, cake, moulded piece, shape) and marketed for or used in household, or industrial purposes.

Other products to be considered as detergents are:

- 'Auxiliary washing preparations' intended for soaking (pre-washing), rinsing or bleaching clothes, household linen, and so on;
- 'Laundry fabric softeners' intended to modify the feel of fabrics in processes, which are for complementing fabric washing;
- 'Cleaning preparations' intended for domestic all-purpose cleaners and other cleaning products for surface cleaning;
- 'Other cleaning and washing preparations' intended for any other washing and cleaning processes.

### **EU REGULATIONS**

- [Regulation \(EC\) No 648/2004](#) of 31 March 2004 on detergents (currently being revised)

### **FRENCH REGULATIONS**

- [Decree No 2007-1467](#) amending certain provisions of the Environmental Code and banning the use of phosphates in domestic textile detergents
- [Decree No 2009-1083](#) implementing the Consumer Code as regards the enforcement measures provided for in Article L. 214-1 of said Code
- [Communication](#) on the implementation of Regulation (EC) No 648/2004 on detergents

## **CONTACTS**

### **➤ AUTHORITIES RESPONSIBLE FOR REGULATIONS**

- *Ministère de l'écologie, du développement durable et de l'énergie* (Ministry for Ecology, Sustainable Development and Energy) :
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- *Ministère de l'économie et des finances* (Ministry for the Economy and Finance) :
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