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NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

1. Notifying Member: <u>ALBANIA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):
2. Agency responsible: Ministry of Economy, Trade and Energy 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: National Enquiry Point
3. Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [], 5.6.2 [], 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): Standards, testing methods and limits allowed on the biodegradation of the detergents, as well as the risk assessment for tensioactive materials in detergents.
5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Draft Decision of the Council of Ministers "On the standards, testing methods and limits allowed on the biodegradation of the detergents, as well as the risk assessment for tensioactive materials in the detergents" (30 pages, available in Albanian language).
6. Description of content: This Draft Decision of the Council of Ministers transposes the Annexes (I, II, III, IV and VIII) of the Regulation (EC) of the European Parliament and of the Council, No. 648/2004 "On detergents" as well as its Amendments No. 907/2006. It aims to determine the standards, testing methods and limits allowed on the biodegradation of detergents, as well as the risk assessment for tensioactive materials in detergents.
7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: To determine the standards, testing methods and the limits allowed on the biodegradation of the detergents, as well as the risk assessment for tensioactive materials in the detergents.
8. Relevant documents: • - Regulation (EC) of the European Parliament and of the Council, No. 648/2004 "On detergents", Annexes (I, II, III, IV and VIII). - Commission Regulation (EC) No. 907/2006.
9. Proposed date of adoption: October 2011 Proposed date of entry into force: January 2012

10. Final date for comments: 60 days after circulation by WTO Secretariat.

11. Text available from: National enquiry point [X], or address, telephone and fax numbers, e-mail and web-site addresses, if available of the other body:

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