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QUALITY CONTROL (EXPORTS, IMPORTS AND LOCAL GOODS) ACT

(CAP. 225)

Mineral Solvents (White Spirit) Order, 1990

(Order No. M25 of 1990)

IN exercise of the powers conferred by section 3 of the Quality Control (Exports, Imports and Local Goods) Act, the Malta Board of Standards, has made the following order:—

Citation and commencement.

1.1 This Order may be cited as the Mineral Solvents (White Spirit) Order, 1990, and may be referred to as Order No. M25 of 1990.

1.2 This Order shall become operative on a date after the lapse of 20 days from the day on which it is laid on the Table of the House of Representatives which date shall be notified by the Board in the Gazette.

Scope.

2.1 This Order applies to mineral solvents (white spirit) and related hydrocarbon solvents normally used in paints and varnishes and for other purposes, and offered for retail sale, but excludes mineral solvents imported in containers from 25 litres upwards.

Interpretation.

3.1 In this Order, B.S. refers to the British Standard issued by the British Standards Institution.

Applicability.

4.1 The provisions of this Order apply only to imported goods and to goods manufactured for the local market.

Composition.

5.1 Mineral solvents shall essentially consist of a mixture of hydrocarbons. The addition of a denaturant is not permitted.

Characteristics.

6.1 The following characteristics shall apply to mineral solvents (white spirit):

Clarity.

6.1.1 It shall be clear with no solid matter present on visual inspection.

Water.

6.1.2 Undissolved water shall be absent.

Odour.

6.1.3 The odour should be typical of the product.

Colour.

6.1.4 It shall not be darker than a standard colour solution prepared by dissolving 4.8 mg. of pure anhydrous potassium dichromate in one litre of distilled water.

Distillation.

6.1.5 When distilled by test method laid down in B.S. 2000 Part 123 at 1013 mbar. the volume of condensate recovered shall be within the following limits:

6.1.5.1 not more than 1 ml. below 130° C;

6.1.5.2 not more than 10 ml. below 145° C;

6.1.5.3 not less than 90 ml. below 200° C;

6.1.5.4 end point, not above 220° C.

Aromatic content.

6.1.6 The aromatic content when measured by the method laid down in B.S. 4712 should be less than 25% V/V.

Residue.

6.1.7 The residue on evaporation should not be more than 5 mg. per 100 ml. when tested by the method laid down in B.S. 4348 using the method described for aviation and motor gasoline and the air-jet apparatus.

Neutrality.

6.1.8 It shall be neutral when tested by the method laid down in B.S. 245.

Freedom from objectionable sulphur compounds.

6.1.9 It shall not cause more than a slight tarnish of copper strips when tested by the method laid down in B.S. 2000 Part 154

Flash Point.

6.1.10 When tested by the method laid down in B.S. 3900 Part A8 it will not flash at 32° C.

Containers.

7.1 The product shall be sold or offered for sale in suitable and well stoppered containers.

Labelling.

8.1 Every container of mineral solvents (white spirit) shall bear a label showing in clear and easily readable print the following information:—

8.1.1 The net contents in metric units;

8.1.2 The following warnings, or words which convey the same meaning:—

8.1.2.1 Flammable;

8.1.2.2 Keep out of reach of children;

8.1.2.3 Use in well ventilated areas;

8.1.2.4 Do not drink, and if swallowed seek medical help.

8.1.3.1 The brand name or trade mark and country of origin; or

8.1.3.2 The name and address of the manufacturer/packer.

Note: In preparing this order reference was made to British Standard 245.

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