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QUALITY CONTROL (EXPORTS, IMPORTS AND LOCAL GOODS) ACT, 1971

(ACT NO. XIII OF 1971)

Fabric Conditioner Order, 1989 (Order No. M22 of 1989)

IN exercise of the powers conferred by section 3 of the Quality Control (Exports, Imports and Local Goods) Act, 1971, the Malta Board of Standards has made the following order:—

Citation and commencement.

1.1 This order may be cited as the Fabric Conditioner Order, 1989, and may be referred to as Order No. M22 of 1989.

1.2 This order shall become operative on a date after the lapse of 20 days from the day in 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 fabric conditioner normally added, after the wash cycle in a washing machine, and serves the purpose of giving the clothes a soft feel.

2.2 This order applies to all fabric conditioners bottled or produced locally or imported and offered for wholesale or retail trade, in consumer packs.

Finished product.

3.1 The finished product of any fabric conditioner should show the following characteristics:

3.1.1 it shall be completely miscible with water;

3.1.2 it shall be easily pourable;

3.1.3 it shall be free from foreign matter;

3.1.4 it shall be pleasantly perfumed;

3.1.5 its active matter content shall not be less than 5% by weight;

3.1.6 it shall be lightly coloured and any colouring matter added shall not be detrimental to health.

Container.

4.1 The contents and the container shall not be subject to deterioration under normal storage conditions.

4.1.1 The container shall have pilfer proof caps, or it shall be sealed in such a manner so as to exclude tampering with the contents.

4.1.2 The size of the container should be related to the volume it contains. The container should be well filled with the fabric conditioner and the net volume should be at least 85% of the total volume capacity of the container.

4.1.3 The total volume capacity is defined as the volume that the container holds at 20°C.

Labelling.

5.1 Every container of fabric conditioner shall have a label showing in clear and distinct print:

5.1.1 the fact that the container holds fabric conditioner;

5.1.2 the net volume of contents in metric units;

5.1.3 the actual percentage of active matter content;

5.1.4 the brand name or trade mark, or

5.1.5 the name and address of the manufacturer:

5.1.5.1 Provided that where the brand is not entered in a list kept by the Director of Industry nor is the trade mark registered with the Comptroller of Industrial Property, the inclusion in the label of the name and address of the manufacturer shall be compulsory; and

5.1.6 the date of manufacture and batch number, if any, should be stated either on the bottle or in the sealed carton holding the containers.

Imported articles.

6.1 In the case of imported fabric conditioner in addition to the requirements of 5.1.4, the country of origin must be shown.

6.1.1 The importation of goods falling under this order will not be allowed unless the importer produces evidence that the brand name or trade mark or the name and address of the manufacturer is registered with the Director of Industry.

6.2 In the case of imported fabric conditioner the importer assumes responsibility for compliance with this order.

Method of analysis.

7.1 The method of analysis for fabric conditioner is that currently published by the British Standard Institute in B.S. 3762 Section 3.4 — "Method for the determination of cationic active matter content".

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