L.N. 88 of 1980

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

(ACT NO. XIII OF 1971)

Washing-up Liquids Order, 1980
(Order No. M3 of 1980)

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

Citation and commencement.

1.1. This order may be cited as the Washing-up Liquids Order, 1980, and may be referred to as Order No. M3 of 1980.

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 only to general purpose type of washing-up liquid preparations usually consisting of one or more surface active agents of the anionic or non-ionic type, or both, with or without builders or additives. This order does not apply to specially designated type of preparation used in dish-washing machines.

2.2. This order applies to all liquid detergents bottled or produced locally or imported and offered for wholesale or retail trade.

Characteristics.

3.1. The finished product of any washing-up liquid shall possess the following characteristics:

3.1.1. it shall be completely miscible with water;

3.1.2. it shall be free from visible foreign sediment;

3.1.3. it shall not be injurious to the skin under normal use;

3.1.4. its active matter content shall not be less than 21.5% by weight. The active matter content is the sum of the percentage by weight of the non-ionic active matter, and the percentage by weight of the ionic active matter expressed as sodium dedecyl benzene sulphonate (molecular weight 348).

3.1.5. a 1% solution of the washing-up liquid shall have a pH value between 6.0 and 8.5;

3.1.6. suitable chemicals may be added as builders or additives as long as these are not injurious under normal use;

3.1.7. it shall have an agreeable odour.

Container.

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

Labelling.

5.1. Every container of washing-up liquid shall have a label showing in clear and distinct print the following:—

5.1.1. the fact that the container holds washing-up liquid;

5.1.2. the net volume 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;

5.1.6. where the brand name 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

5.1.7. the date of manufacture and batch number, if any, should be stated either on the bottle or on the sealed carton containing the bottles.

Methods of Test.

6.1. The analytical methods referred to in section 3.1 shall be carried out in accordance with the methods laid down in British Standard 3762:64 published by the British Standards Institution.

Ippubblikat mid-Dipartiment ta' l-Informazzjoni — *Published by the Department of Information*
Stampat fl-U.C.S. — Stamperija tal-Gvern — *Printed at the C.O.S. — Government Printing Press*
Prezz 2c — *Price 2c*