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AN ACT PROHIBITING THE MANUFACTURE, IMPORTATION, DISTRIBUTION AND SALE OF LAUNDRY AND INDUSTRIAL DETERGENTS CONTAINING HARD SURFACTANTS AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

1 SECTION 1. The manufacture, importation, distribution and sale of
2 laundry and industrial detergents containing hard surfactants are hereby
3 prohibited.

4 As used in this Act, hard surfactants shall refer to surfactants with
5 low biodegradability rate including chemicals such as hard or branched

1 alkyl benzene, hard or branched alkyl benzene surfactants, hard or
2 branched dodecyl benzene sulfonates, branched dodecyl benzene, their
3 sodium or potassium salts and other technical names referring to the same
4 chemical compound.

5 SEC. 2. The Bureau of Product Standards shall review the
6 mandatory Philippine National Standards for "Surface Active Agents –
7 Synthetic Detergents for Laundry Use" and monitor compliance with this
8 Act. For this purpose, the Bureau of Product Standards shall inspect
9 laundry and industrial detergents, whether imported or locally
10 manufactured, to ensure that they are free from hard surfactants.

11 SEC. 3. All laundry and industrial detergent labels must contain the
12 following information legibly written or printed with indelible ink: (a)
13 name of product; (b) name of trade name and address of the person or
14 company producing, importing or marketing the product; and (c) statement
15 of the manufacturer or importer that the product does not contain hard
16 surfactants.

17 SEC. 4. Any person who manufactures, imports or sells laundry and
18 industrial surfactants or detergents containing hard surfactants shall be
19 penalized by imprisonment of not less than one (1) year nor more than five
20 (5) years or a fine of not less than Five hundred thousand pesos
21 (P500,000.00) nor more than One million pesos (P1,000,000.00) or both
22 such fine and imprisonment at the discretion of the court: *Provided*, That if

1 the offender is a corporation, firm, partnership or association, the penalty
2 shall be imposed upon the guilty officer or officers thereof.

3 SEC. 5. The Bureau of Product Standards shall, in consultation with
4 the relevant departments or agencies of the national government, issue the
5 necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act,
6 which shall include inspection of individuals or enterprises involved in the
7 production, manufacture, importation, distribution and sale of laundry and
8 industrial detergents containing hard surfactants.

9 SEC. 6. Any provisions of existing laws, decrees, orders and
10 issuances, or portions thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of
11 this Act are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

12 SEC. 7. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
13 publication in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

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