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Foreword

This Singapore Standard was prepared by the Technical Committee for Chemistry under the direction of the Chemical Standards Committee.

Although laundry detergent powder can be of the anionic, cationic or non-ionic type, the specification only covers the anionic type which is used widely.

Besides specifying the detergent to be of the anionic type, the standard also prescribes that the anionic surface active agents (surfactants) shall be biodegradable.

In preparing this standard, reference was made to the following overseas publications:

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| 1. | 2012 Annual Books of ASTM | Volume 15.04 – Soaps and other detergents |
| 2. | Canadian Government
Specifications Board Standard
CAN/CGSB-2.115-95 (Aug 1995) | Built powder laundry detergent |
| 3. | Indian Standard 4955 : 2001 | Household laundry detergent powders (fourth revision) |
| 4. | South African Bureau of Standards
SANS 650 : 2008 | Laundry detergent (for use in non-automatic domestic washing machines) |
| 5. | ISO 607: 1980 | Analysis of formulated detergents. Methods of sample division |
| 6. | ISO 2271:1989 | Surface active agents – Detergents – Determination of anionic-active matter by manual or mechanical direct two-phase titration procedure |
| 7. | ISO 4313 – 1976 (E) | Washing powders – Determination of total phosphorus (V) oxide content – Quinoline phosphomolybdate gravimetric method |
| 8. | EC Regulation No 648/2004 of the
European Parliament and of the
Council of 31 March 2004 | Detergents |

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1 Scope

This standard covers the requirements and methods of sampling and testing for synthetic powder detergents for household washing of laundry by hand.

2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this standard. The latest editions of the referenced documents (including any amendments) apply.

BS 1647-1 *pH measurement. Specification for pH scale*

BS 1752 *Specification for laboratory sintered or fritted filters including porosity grading*