

## Regulation (EC) No 648/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 31 March 2004 on detergents (Text with EEA relevance)

### *Article 1*

#### **Objectives and scope**

1 This Regulation establishes rules designed to achieve the free movement of detergents and surfactants for detergents in the internal market while, at the same time, ensuring a high degree of protection of the environment and human health.

2 For this purpose, this Regulation harmonises the following rules for the placing on the market of detergents and of surfactants for detergents:

- the biodegradability of surfactants in detergents;
- restrictions or bans on surfactants on grounds of biodegradability;
- [<sup>F1</sup>the additional labelling of detergents, including fragrance allergens;
- the information that manufacturers must hold at the disposal of the Member States' competent authorities and medical personnel;
- limitations on the content of phosphates and other phosphorus compounds in consumer laundry detergents and consumer automatic dishwasher detergents.]

#### **Textual Amendments**

- F1** Substituted by [Regulation \(EU\) No 259/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 March 2012 amending Regulation \(EC\) No 648/2004 as regards the use of phosphates and other phosphorus compounds in consumer laundry detergents and consumer automatic dishwasher detergents \(Text with EEA relevance\).](#)

**Status:**

Point in time view as at 31/01/2020. This version of this provision has been superseded.

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Regulation (EC) No 648/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council, Article 1.