

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH

In use of his legal faculties,

CONSIDERING:

That article 109 of the Political Constitution of the Republic of Panama establishes that it is an essential function of the State to ensure the health of the population of the Republic. The individual as part of the community has the right to the promotion, protection, conservation, restitution and rehabilitation of health and the obligation to conserve it; understood as complete physical, mental and social well-being.

That Cabinet Decree No. 1 of January 15, 1969, creates the Ministry of Health for the implementation of promotion, protection, reparation and rehabilitation actions that, by constitutional mandate, are the responsibility of the State.

That in accordance with executive decree no. 75 of February 27, 1969, the Ministry of Health is responsible for keeping up to date the legislation that regulates the activities of the health sector.

That by law no. 1 of January 10, 2001 on medicinal products and other human health products, in its article 1, on the scope of application, indicates that this Law regulates the general management of manufacturing, import, acquisition, distribution, commercialization, information and publicity, health registration and quality control of finished drugs, pharmaceutical specialties, psychotropic substances, narcotics and chemical precursors for medicinal use; of biological products, medical products developed by genetic engineering, phytopharmaceuticals, radiopharmaceuticals, vitamin supplements, dietary and homeopathic supplements and therapeutic food supplements; of medical-surgical, dental and radiological equipment and supplies, products or materials of internal use, whether biological or biotechnological, used in human health; of cosmetic products, household pesticides and public health, antiseptics and disinfectants, cleaning products and any other product related to the health of humans, that exists or may exist.

That Executive Decree No. 178 of July 12, 2001, Article 3, establishes that the National Directorate of Pharmacy and Drugs is the Health Authority for the effects of the Law object of regulation in everything related to the expedition, suspension, modification, renewal and cancellation of the sanitary registration, as well as to carry out the actions of pharmaco -vigilance, of previous control and of subsequent control, of inspection, of the knowledge of the infractions and of dictating the corresponding resolutions and in general of everything concerning the scope and objectives related to the sanitary registries and related dispositions that are inherent to it, except for those that refer to medical, surgical, radiological or dental instruments, and equipment that do not contain an active principle or exert a therapeutic entity. Likewise, it has the duty to comply with and enforce the sanitary regulations in force on the matter.

That Executive Decree 331 of July 22, 2008, establishes in its article 2 that toilet soaps for the use of the food industry, detergents, disinfectants and related products, national and imported, that are sold packaged, with a given name and with a trademark, must register with the Department of Food Protection of the Ministry of Health.

That Article 8 of Executive Decree 855 of August 4, 2015, establishes that the National Directorate of Pharmacy and Drugs; And the Department of Food Protection (DEPA), both of the Ministry of Health, will keep the shared registry of the hygiene products that are the object of that Executive Decree and that the classification of these products will be regulated by ministerial resolution.

RESOLVES:

FIRST: TO COMMUNICATE that hygienic products are considered, among others, the following:

Liquid cleaner
Solid cleaner
Aerosol cleaner
Liquid dishwasher
Solid dishwasher
Liquid detergent
Solid detergent
Bar soap
Liquid softener
Softening towels
Liquid disinfectant
Solid disinfectant
Aerosol disinfectant
Liquid wax
Wax bar
Pipe removers
Stain removers
Grease-proof liquid
Floor polish
Polisher
Semi-solid anti-grease liquid (for conventional ovens)
Environmental flavoring

SECOND: TO SPECIFY that the following products must be registered with the Department of Food Protection of the Ministry of Health:

- Cleaners (liquid, solid, aerosol) for use in the Food Industry.
- Cleaners (liquid, solid, aerosol) for cosmetic use without bactericidal, fungicidal or disinfecting action.

- Dishwashers (liquid and solid).
- Detergents (liquid and solid).
- Bar soap.
- Softeners (liquid and solid).
- Disinfectants (liquid, solid, aerosol) for use in the Food Industry.
- Pipe removers.
- Stain removers.
- Anti-grease liquid.
- Floor polish.
- Polisher.

THIRD: TO SPECIFY that the following products must be registered in the National Pharmacy and Drugs Department of the Ministry of Health:

- Cleaners (liquids, solids, aerosols) for domestic use with bactericidal, fungicidal or disinfectant action.
- Disinfectants (liquids, solids, aerosols) for domestic use with bactericidal, fungicidal or disinfectant action.
- Bleach (greater than 3.5% concentration).
- Those sanitary products, antiseptics and disinfectants used in clinics, public and private hospitals, autonomous, semi-autonomous, patronage, pharmaceutical industry.

FOURTH: This resolution shall take effect upon its notification.

LEGAL BASIS: Executive Decree No. 855 of August 4, 2015, Law 66 of November 10, 1947, as amended by Law 40 of 2006; Law 1 of January 10, 2001, Executive Decree No. 178 of July 12, 2001.

TO BE NOTIFIED AND FULFILLED

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