

A Draft CARICOM Regional Standard for Sodium Hypochlorite Solutions (Liquid Chlorine Bleaches) (DCRS 43) has been developed and is out in circulation for public comments for a period of 60 days from **April 1st to June 3rd, 2011**. The standard was proposed by Trinidad and Tobago who also has the responsibility for its development.

This standard specifies the requirements and test methods for all sodium hypochlorite solutions (liquid chlorine bleaches), including scented solutions, used for domestic purposes. This standard also specifies the requirements for labeling and characteristics of containers. This standard does not apply to solid hypochlorite or to cleaners that contain sodium hypochlorite.

This standard was developed to protect the user against danger to health and safety and to facilitate regional trade within the CARICOM region.

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

ASTM D 1193, *Standard specification for reagent water*

ISO 6353-1:1982, *Reagents for chemical analysis – Part 1: General test methods*

TTBS is a member of the CARICOM Regional Organization for Standards and Quality (CROSQ) and is responsible for coordinating inputs into the regional standards development process on behalf of Trinidad and Tobago. It is intended that the proposed CARICOM standard will be adopted as a Trinidad and Tobago Standard some time in the future.

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