

## ***Chemicals in furniture and soap***

*The EU questioned the consistency of China's testing methods for safety of wood-based furniture with relevant [International Organization for Standardization](#) (ISO) standards. China said that while its testing methods are largely based on ISO standards, differences were introduced to take account of use of these products.*

*Mexico said that Colombia's requirement that testing of phosphorus and the biodegradability of surfactants in detergents and soaps be carried out only by Colombian laboratories is overly restrictive and costly. Colombia said it would accept a supplier's declaration of conformity consistent with ISO/IEC 17050 and that mutual recognition could be possible under*

*bilateral agreements or through the ILAC Mutual Recognition Agreement and the IAF Multilateral Recognition Agreement.*

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