

## **7. Ecuador —Surface tension agents**

Mexico raised concerns on Ecuador's draft technical regulation which only recognizes one testing method to prove that the requirements for biodegradability and phosphate content in surface tension agents has been met, and which therefore is not in line with international standards. The draft also requires that conformity assessment would need to be carried out through the accredited certification bodies in Ecuador. Ecuador explained that comments submitted by members on the draft regulation during the comment period had been taken into account, including the inclusion of various testing methods. Ecuador expressed its willingness to continue working bilaterally with Mexico to address concerns.