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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring that single-use liquid detergent packets sold in the city of New York be in child-resistant packaging

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. The administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new subchapter 14 to chapter 4 of title 20 to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER 14

LIQUID DETERGENT PACKETS

§ 20-699.7 a. Definitions. For the purposes of this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

Liquid detergent packet. The term "liquid detergent packet" means single-use detergent product that contains a liquid detergent enclosed in a water soluble outer layer (or film).

Special packaging. The term "special packaging" has the same meaning as set forth in paragraph (4) of section 1471 of title 15 of the United States code.

b. No person shall sell or offer for sale any liquid detergent packet to which any of the following applies:

1. The packet is not in special packaging;

2. The packet is not labeled with a clear and conspicuous warning informing consumers of the potential risks of injury and death caused by liquid detergent packets; and

3. The packet:

(a) Has non-uniform colors; or

(b) Is not opaque.

c. Any liquid detergent packet that is bought or sold, or attempted to be bought or sold, after September 1, 2017 in violation of this section or any regulation issued pursuant to such section is subject to forfeiture upon notice and judicial determination.

§ 2. This local law takes effect 180 days after it becomes law, except that the commissioner of the department of consumer affairs shall take such measures as are necessary for the implementation of this local law, including the promulgation of rules, before such date.

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