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Detergent composition.

A detergent composition for washing fabrics contains a surfactant system in which the major anionic surfactant is an alkyl sulphate of mixed alkyl chain length such that at least 10% by weight of the alkyl chains present in the alkyl sulphate are C₁₂ chains, at least 20% by weight of said alkyl chains are C₁₈ chains and the ratio of C₁₂ alkyl chains to C₁₈ alkyl chains is in the range 9:4 to 1:6.

Preferably nonionic surfactant of low HLB value (i.e. less than 10.5) is also present.

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