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(54) **Thickening gels.**

(57) Liquid detergent compositions useful for hard surface cleaning and other applications, particularly in industrial applications, comprise surfactant blends such that the compositions undergo a viscosity increase upon aqueous dilution. The invention also extends to a method of spraying a target surface with such a composition after such dilution, e.g. in the form of a foam.

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