



**Australian Government**  
**Department of Health and Ageing**  
**NICNAS**

**Applicants for PEC Assessment of Phthalates**

Dimethyl phthalate (DMP) was declared as a Priority Existing Chemical (PEC) by the Minister for Health and Ageing on 7 March 2006 for the following specific consumer applications:

- Children's toys;
- Childcare articles; and
- Cosmetics

In accordance with the *Industrial Chemicals (Notification and Assessment) Act 1989*, as amended, all those who wish to manufacture or import DMP as a **raw material** for use in toys, childcare products or cosmetics, or import **cosmetic products** containing DMP during the period that it is a PEC must apply in writing using the PEC Application Form. Persons other than importers or manufacturers may also apply. There are no application fees, however, there is a penalty for manufacturing or importing a PEC without applying for assessment of the chemical.

The PEC application form (Form 1-PEC) can be found at  
[http://www.nicnas.gov.au/Forms/Existing\\_Chemicals/Form1\\_PEC\\_PDF.pdf](http://www.nicnas.gov.au/Forms/Existing_Chemicals/Form1_PEC_PDF.pdf)

NICNAS is also making voluntary calls for information on the use of DMP in finished products, to supplement information on DMP as a raw material. Importers/manufacturers of children's toys or childcare articles and manufacturers of cosmetics are encouraged to submit information about products containing DMP. If you wish to know more about the assessment or have any queries, please contact Graham Harvey on (02) 8577 8851 or [graham.harvey@nicnas.gov.au](mailto:graham.harvey@nicnas.gov.au).

The following companies have submitted an application for the assessment of DMP following declaration as a PEC (current as of August 2009):

Department of Environment and Conservation (NSW)

Drom International Pty Ltd

International Flavours & Fragrances (Australia) Pty Ltd

Sigma Aldrich Pty Ltd

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