



Applicants for PEC Assessment of Phthalates

Nine phthalate chemicals (Table 1) were declared as Priority Existing Chemicals (PECs) by the Minister for Health and Ageing on 7 March 2006 for the following specific consumer applications:

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

Table 1. Phthalates Declared as PECs

Common Abbreviation	Common Name
DEHP	Diethylhexyl phthalate
DIDP	Diisodecyl phthalate
DMP	Dimethyl phthalate
DINP	Diisononyl phthalate
DBP	Dibutyl phthalate
BBP	Butylbenzyl phthalate
DnOP	Di-n-octyl phthalate
DEP	Diethyl phthalate
Bis(2-methoxyethyl)	Bis(2-methoxyethyl) phthalate

In accordance with the *Industrial Chemicals (Notification and Assessment) Act 1989*, as amended, all those who wish to manufacture or import any of these phthalates as **raw materials** for use in toys, childcare products or cosmetics, or import **cosmetic products** containing these phthalates during the period that they are PECs 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

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



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The following companies have submitted an application for assessment of one or more of these phthalate chemicals following their declaration as PECs (current as of 15 September 2008):

Amtrade International Pty Ltd
Apisant Pty Ltd
Avon Products Pty Ltd
Beiersdorf Australia Ltd
Chanel (Australia) Pty Ltd
Colgate-Palmolive Pty Ltd
Combe International Ltd
Cosmopolitan Cosmetics
Costralia Pty Ltd
Coty Australia Pty Ltd
CSR Distilleries Operations Pty Ltd
Digital Crown Holdings Pty Ltd
Drom International Pty Ltd
Elizabeth Arden (Australia) Pty Ltd
Ferro Corporation (Aust) Pty Ltd
Firmenich Limited
Frostbland Pty Ltd
Givaudan Australia Pty Ltd
International Flavours and Fragrances Aust. Pty Ltd
Johnson and Johnson Pacific Pty Ltd
La Biosynthetique Australia Pty Ltd
LVMH Perfumes and Cosmetics Group Pty Ltd
Marchem Australasia Pty Ltd
NSW Department of Environment and Conservation
Nuvo Australia Pty Ltd
Plastral Pty Ltd
PZ Cussons Aust. Pty Ltd
Revlon Australia Pty Ltd
Sigma Aldrich Pty Ltd
Swiss Beauty Australia
Symrise Pty Ltd
The Kingsbury Group T/A Lumineye Nailcraft Innovations
Toyo Tyre and Rubber Australia Limited
Trimex Pty Ltd
Waproo Pty Ltd
