



NICNAS Registration renewals 2011-12

It's almost that time of year, again

NICNAS's next registration year commences 1 September 2011 and runs to 31 August 2012

This is the time when all introducers (importers and/or manufacturers) of relevant industrial chemicals for commercial purposes must register with NICNAS, prior to introducing chemicals – regardless of the amount of industrial chemicals they are introducing.

Renewal notices

NICNAS registrants should expect to receive: an *Application form for renewal of Registration / Non-renewal* and a *Renewal Tax Invoice* to all current registrants during July.

To ensure you receive your renewal package, please advise NICNAS of any changes to contact details, registered and mailing addresses prior to 8 July 2011. You may email your contact and address changes to registration@nicnas.gov.au.

If you are currently registered and do not receive the renewal package by 31 July 2011 please contact NICNAS on 1800 638 528.

Registration level

There are three levels (tiers) of registration. Your registration tier is based on the total value of relevant industrial chemicals introduced each year. Your registration may not be current if you are not registered at the correct tier. Additionally, your registration renewal invoice and application form for 2011-12 will be based on your registration tier as at 8 July 2011.

Please review your current registration tier against the value of relevant industrial chemicals introduced (including projected values for the remainder of 2010-11) and advise NICNAS of any changes required. The appropriate tier of registration can be determined from the table provided on page 4.

Not registered with NICNAS?

Further information about NICNAS Registration can be obtained by calling NICNAS on Free call 1800 638 528, fax on 02 8577 8888 or email on registration@nicnas.gov.au

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A word from the Director

This week starts the annual registration process for introducers of industrial chemicals and those companies already registered with NICNAS will receive a renewal package. Under the *Industrial Chemicals (Notification and Assessment) Act 1989*, all introducers (both importers and/or manufacturers) of relevant industrial chemicals are required to be registered with NICNAS and to pay the applicable fee.

To date for the 2010-11 registration year, over 4700 companies are registered, a slightly higher number of companies being registered than in the previous two years. NICNAS maintains a Register of Industrial Chemical Introducers which is available on the NICNAS website and is updated regularly.

NICNAS has an active compliance and enforcement program, and as reported in this edition of *NICNAS Matters*, NICNAS undertakes year round monitoring and audit activities to identify those introducing industrial chemicals not registered with NICNAS as well as to validate the level or 'tier' of the registration. NICNAS has several types of information sources to facilitate audit activities for company registration, including information on importation of chemicals under relevant tariff codes from the Australian Customs and Border Protection Service via a Memorandum of Understanding.

Analysis of this information and follow up action by NICNAS has identified over 250 companies required to be registered during the 2010-11 registration period that have not been previously registered. In addition, analysis of the value of imported chemicals identified 138 companies that were required to upgrade the level at which they were registered, an increase of about 10% on the figures for 2009-10.

During 2011-12, NICNAS will give increased focus to the registration of companies manufacturing industrial chemicals in Australia. This activity will be greatly assisted by the recently signed agreement with the Australian Taxation Office which gives NICNAS access to the Australian Business Register (see *story below*).



Dr Marion Healy

Industrial chemicals include chemicals in many different products, such as dyes, pigments, inks, toners, adhesives, plastics, cement, lubricants, fillers, soaps, detergents, essential oils, scented candles, incense, toiletries. It also includes laboratory chemicals, specialty chemicals, and chemicals used in petroleum and mineral processing. Some finished products of a chemical nature, such as paints, shampoos and perfumes, are also considered to be relevant industrial chemicals.

NICNAS staff can provide advice on whether the chemicals and/or products that your company handles fall within the scope of relevant industrial chemicals, and therefore that your company should be registered. In addition, if your company is not yet registered with NICNAS, but intends to introduce industrial companies between 1 September 2011 and 31 August 2012, you should contact NICNAS promptly to avoid penalties. ■

NICNAS joins Australian Business Register Partnership program

NICNAS's capacity to identify potential introducers of industrial chemicals has been further enhanced by the recent signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Secretary of the Department of Health and Ageing and the Commissioner of Taxation in his capacity as Registrar of the Australian Business Register (ABR).

The ABR is an extensive database of information provided by businesses when they register for an Australian Business Number. Information held on the ABR includes business address details, service of notice address details, and the Australian and New Zealand Standard Industry Classification (ANZSIC) Code for the business.

The information contained in the ABR allows NICNAS to obtain the most recent address details for Australian businesses which can then be contacted for the purposes of awareness raising, compliance, and debt recovery activities. Additionally the ANZSIC codes allow NICNAS to profile the Australian industrial chemical industry and identify potentially unregistered introducers. ■



NICNAS's principal scientists

As reported in the April issue of *NICNAS Matters*, NICNAS has a Principal Scientist for each chemical assessment team: Dr Daniela Leonte for New Chemicals and Dr Kerry Nugent for Existing Chemicals.

The appointment of the Principal Scientists – together with structure that consolidates responsibility for strategic science matters and technical input into international matters – are key steps in strengthening our scientific capability. They are also important in increasing the focus on NICNAS's broader engagement in the scientific community and the positioning of NICNAS as the national expert body in assessing the impact – on both human health and the environment – of industrial chemicals.

While each Principal Scientist has specific roles for their respective assessment teams, Daniela and Kerry also work cooperatively on matters that go across each of the programs. Their roles and responsibilities are outlined below, and a diagram of our current program structure is also provided below.



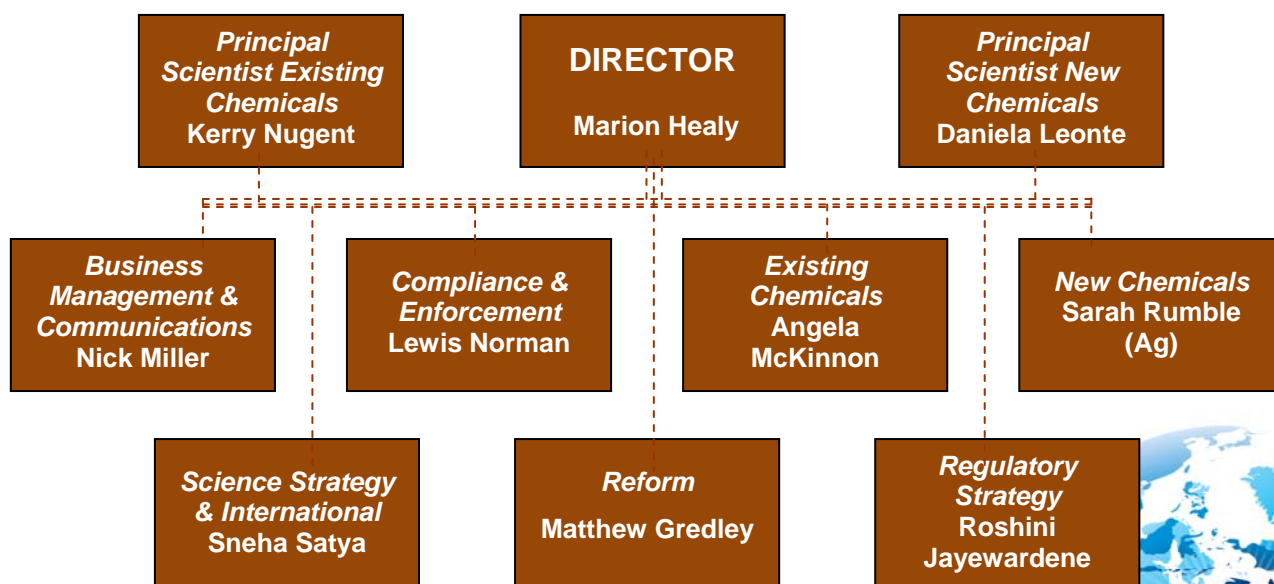
NICNAS Principal Scientists: Dr Daniela Leonte (New Chemicals) and Dr Kerry Nugent (Existing Chemicals) in the NICNAS library

NICNAS's principal scientists – responsibilities include:

- ensuring consistency between assessments in their team and across teams
- peer review of assessment reports to ensure production of scientifically robust, high quality reports
- providing expert advice on assessment issues
- managing scientific elements of cross-team projects
- building and maintaining scientific expertise within the team, through effective mentoring and by organising activities such as peer review and technical meetings
- incorporating relevant risk assessment methodologies into their team's practices and procedures
- developing and maintaining networks with professional colleagues with relevant risk assessment skills
- representing NICNAS at relevant scientific and public forums and committees. ■

NICNAS current program structure –

including Heads of Program and Principal Scientist positions



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Registration tier	Value of relevant industrial chemicals introduced
Tier 1	Up to \$499 999
Tier 2	\$500 000 - \$4 999 999
Tier 3	> \$5 000 000

Renewal deadline

The deadline for registration renewal is **31 August 2011**. Your NICNAS registration will expire if it is not renewed by this date.

Penalties for late renewal

Applications for renewal received after 31 August 2011 incur a late renewal penalty. The late renewal penalty is calculated at 15% of the total registration cost. This penalty is mandatory and payment is required in addition to the registration renewal fee before NICNAS can re-instate your registration.

A late renewal application can only be processed when both the appropriate registration fee and the appropriate late renewal penalty have been paid.

Non-renewals (ie. non registrations) carry a risk

It is an offence for a person/company to introduce (import and /or manufacture) relevant industrial chemicals without being registered with NICNAS. The legislation provides for severe penalties for a person/company who introduces relevant industrial chemicals with a current registration in place.



For further information, please contact NICNAS on:

- Free Call: 1800 638 528
- Phone: 02 8577 8800
- Fax: 02 8577 8888
- E-mail: registration@nicnas.gov.au
- Or visit our website at www.nicnas.gov.au

See page 8 for details of NICNAS compliance activities which have identified additional registrants.

NICNAS fees and charges 2011-12

NICNAS recovers the full cost of its regulatory activities through fees and charges from industry. Each year, the level of fees and charges is reviewed in consultation with the NICNAS Industry Government Consultative Committee. NICNAS's cost recovery activities are reviewed at least every 5 years in accordance with the Government's Cost Recovery policy and guidelines. A NICNAS Cost Recovery Impact Statement (CRIS) is currently under development.

All NICNAS fees and charges for 2011-12 will be retained at 2010-11 levels, pending the outcome of the review of NICNAS's cost recovery arrangements.

NICNAS fees and charges will be revised as required, following completion of this CRIS.

New Chemicals fees and charges – including payment options:

www.nicnas.gov.au/Industry/New_Chemicals/Fees_and_Charges/Fees_Charges_2011_12_PDF.pdf

Registration fees and charges:

www.nicnas.gov.au/Industry/Registration/Registration_Fees_Charges_2011_12.pdf

Note: Registration payments should be accompanied by the appropriate registration form (for options, please see: www.nicnas.gov.au/Forms/Registration.asp)

All NICNAS fees and charges are in Australian Dollars (\$AUD) and are exempt from GST.



Industrial nanomaterials

Administrative changes to NICNAS New Chemicals processes for nanomaterials

New administrative arrangements for nanoforms of new chemicals (ie. chemicals not listed on AICS) were made effective from 1 January 2011. The changes ensure that pre-market evaluation of all new nanomaterials will be conducted by NICNAS by restricting the introduction of nanoforms of new chemicals from certain exemption – as well as self assessment certificate – categories.

Since January, NICNAS has been monitoring all New Chemicals notifications to ensure they conform with the new administrative processes – and no notifications have been received for an industrial nanomaterial to date. NICNAS is also monitoring the potential for notified conventional chemicals to be introduced as nanomaterials in the future. NICNAS may include secondary notification conditions on a new chemical when there is reason to assume that it may be possible to introduce the chemical as a nanomaterial in the future.

In April 2011, NICNAS commenced compliance activities to assess industry understanding of the changes. These activities followed NICNAS's comprehensive training and outreach program that has recently included a 'NANO TRAINING' session. The sessions, held in major cities, were well attended by industry stakeholders wishing to understand their regulatory obligations.

Ongoing compliance activities for nanomaterials will be rolled out as a part of NICNAS's audit, monitoring and outreach priorities for 2011-12.

More information and guidance for industry can be found at:
www.nicnas.gov.au/Current_Issues/Nanotechnology.asp

Developing options for reforming the NICNAS Existing Chemicals Program for nanomaterials

NICNAS continues exploring possible options for notifying and assessing nanoforms of existing chemicals. Potential options and critical issues were the major focus of the last meeting of the Nanotechnology Advisory Group (NAG) on the 10 May 2011 (*see picture, above*). A discussion paper is expected to be released to accompany the public consultation that is planned for 2011-12. Watch out for future updates on this in *NICNAS Matters*.

Domestic and international coordination on regulation of nanomaterials

At the invitation of the European Commission, NICNAS's Dr Roshini Jayewardene addressed the 4th *Annual International Conference on Nanotechnology: Safety for Success Dialogue* on 29-30 March 2011 in Brussels on the *Australian definition* of an industrial nanomaterial. Conference discussion focused on taking stock of the fast advancing science needed for appropriate and effective policies, and analysing how these advances allow progress with respect to intelligence-gathering, risk assessment, risk management, and safe design.

Presentations from the conference can be downloaded at:

http://ec.europa.eu/health/nanotechnology/events/ev_20110329_presentations_en.htm

Need some advice or have feedback on these changes?

Please contact: nicola.hall@nicnas.gov.au or call +61 (0)2 8577 8871 with any queries or comments.



NICNAS's Nanotechnology Advisory Group



A guide to NICNAS's new notification forms

From 1 July 2011, NICNAS does not accept new chemical notifications that are submitted using out-of-date notification forms (ie. forms developed for use prior to January 2011).

Forms are okay to use if they include questions about nanomaterials!

Nanomaterials

NICNAS has modified all New Chemicals Program administrative forms. The forms now include a **declaration** that asks the applicant to state if the notified chemical is a nanomaterial, or not. When a nanomaterial is notified, NICNAS may require additional information on the substance to conduct its risk assessment. If a company is unsure whether the chemical is a nanomaterial, they can check an 'unsure' box, and NICNAS will make this determination for them.

If yes, provide details:

Is the chemical an industrial nanomaterial under the NICNAS definition? Yes No

(Note: for the working definition please consult the document: Guidance on New Chemical Requirements for Notification of Industrial Nanomaterials, available from http://www.nicnas.gov.au/Current_Issues/Nanotechnology.asp)

If yes or unsure, is the chemical introduced as a solid/powder or as a dispersion? Yes No

(Note: if the answer to this question is yes, please consult the above nanomaterial guidance document as additional data requirements may apply.)

Note that by checking this box, the chemical may be assumed to be an industrial nanomaterial for risk assessment purposes.

All new chemicals forms are now also dated (in the footer)

May 2011

How do I know if the notification form that I am using is out-of-date, and hence will not be accepted by NICNAS?



All notification forms developed for use from January 2011 require the notifier to stipulate whether the chemical is an industrial nanomaterial under the NICNAS definition. If the notification form that you are using does not mention this, then it will not be accepted by NICNAS.

All current New Chemicals notification forms are available from the NICNAS website, at:

www.nicnas.gov.au/Forms/New_Chemicals.asp.

To ensure you are using the correct notification form, download the appropriate form each time you notify (ie. **do not** complete/submit forms that have been previously downloaded and saved to your computer).

→ If you wish to provide feedback on the new chemical notification forms, and/or

→ If you need assistance in completing the forms

please contact the NICNAS New Chemicals Program at newchemicals@nicnas.gov.au

Compliance activities increase NICNAS Registrant numbers

NICNAS's Compliance and Enforcement Program undertakes year-round audit and monitoring activities to ensure introducers are meeting their registration obligations. This year, in desktop auditing of import transactions for 700 importers (which took place between February and April) 305 companies potentially introducing relevant industrial chemicals while not being registered with NICNAS were identified. Compliance action initiated by NICNAS resulted in 200 of these introducers registering with NICNAS with a further 50 introducers demonstrating to NICNAS that registration was not required. Fifty-five introducers remain unregistered and NICNAS is actively seeking registration from these introducers or information that demonstrates that the imported goods do not meet the definition of a relevant industrial chemical under the Act. With the new registration year approaching introducers are reminded to renew their registration by 31 August 2011.



CHEMICAL SAFETY UPDATE

NICNAS signs MOU with European Chemicals Agency – ECHA

In line with the shared commitment to improve chemical safety, ECHA and NICNAS have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to enhance cooperation.

It aims to strengthen the scientific dialogue between the European Union (EU) and Australia and to increase cooperation on technical matters and other issues of common interest including the hazards and emerging risks of chemical substances, risk management tools, scientific collaboration and information exchange.

One of the anticipated areas of collaboration will be the exchange of information. For example, the MOU will promote the exchange of non-confidential information on hazards, and uses and identity of chemical substances between ECHA and NICNAS. The agencies will also share information on ways to more efficiently address chemicals of concern.

When signing the memorandum, Geert Dancet, Executive Director of ECHA (*pictured, with NICNAS Director Dr Marion Healy*) said: "This Memorandum of Understanding will lead the way to a closer cooperation between both regulatory authorities and to the benefit of companies and citizens on both sides of globe".

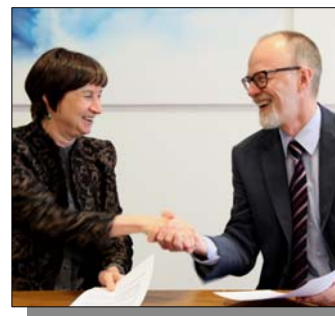
NICNAS Director Dr Marion Healy said she saw the signing as a significant step. "It links our activities in Australia to a range of scientific work within ECHA, in a way that will benefit both the agencies and their stakeholders, reduce duplication of effort and benefit health and safety", Dr Healy said.

MOU: http://echa.europa.eu/doc/ECHADocuments/echa_australia_mou_20052011.pdf

NICNAS: www.nicnas.gov.au

Press release of the Department of Health and Ageing:

www.health.gov.au/internet/ministers/publishing.nsf/Content/mr-yr11-ck-ck017.htm



NICNAS's Dr Sneha Satya, Head of the Science Strategy and International Program (2nd from left) joined ECHA staff (L to R) Derek Knight (Snr Scientific Advisor), Eva Sandberg (International Relations), Jukka Malm (Regulatory Affairs) and other ECHA staff in discussions about items that would benefit NICNAS, enhance efficiency in projects under way and finalise the ECHA-NICNAS MOU work plan.



Helsinki Chemicals Forum

The 3rd Global Helsinki Chemicals Forum (HCF) was held 19-20 May 2011, with NICNAS's Director Dr Marion Healy a panellist for the session entitled *Regulatory Information – Global Use*. This session focussed on the large amounts of information on the properties and risks of chemicals that is being generated from a number of regulatory schemes around the world and specifically addressed the question as to how to derive most benefit from this information globally. In introductory remarks presented by Bob Diderich, three prerequisites to maximise the usefulness of the generated information were proposed: harmonisation, access and transparency, protection of data.

Dr Healy discussed maximising use of data generated by other schemes both from the perspective of Australia's new chemicals notification and assessment framework as well the evolution of the existing chemicals program to a tiered approach for prioritising and assessing chemicals of concern. Other session speakers included Christel Musset from the European Chemicals Agency, Ward Penberthy from the US Environmental Protection Agency, Michael Walls from the American Chemistry Council and Eisaku Toda from Japan's Ministry of the Environment.

The other three sessions at the HCF considered the topics of REACH: *Making it Work Better, Sustainable Chemistry – The Challenge for Industry and Society* and *Bio-economy – Creating Global and Local Opportunity*. Further information on the Helsinki Chemicals Forum is available at <http://finnexpo.multiedition.fi/wwwcem/cem/index.php>



CHEMICAL SAFETY UPDATE - continued



The 64th World Health Assembly

For eight days in May, 2700 delegates worked through a broad agenda, adopting 28 resolutions and three decisions to guide upcoming work of the World Health Organization (WHO) and to address priority global health issues.

Topics ranged from *Improving global preparedness for future pandemics* to *WHO reform*, *Strengthening health systems*, *A new, comprehensive strategy to combat HIV*, *Commitment to polio eradication*, *Improving access to quality and affordable medical products* and numerous other topics.

When *Protecting public health from chemicals and waste* was discussed, delegations acknowledged the need to better handle chemicals and waste management to protect public health, and agreed that special attention should be given to the management of pesticides and other chemicals to prevent stockpiles of unwanted chemicals accumulating and to prevent human exposure through contaminated air and water.

As a follow-up to the phasing out of mercury from health care facilities, WHO Member States requested WHO through the Libreville Declaration on Health and Environment and other global initiatives to maintain health care waste management as a priority issue on its public health agenda, to protect the environment and ensure safety of staff, waste workers and communities.

For more details, please see:

www.who.int/mediacentre/news/releases/2011/world_health_assembly_20110524/en/index.html

Third meeting of OECD Clearing House on New Chemicals

NICNAS Director Dr Marion Healy chaired the third OECD Clearing House on New Chemicals meeting – held in Washington DC, USA – which brought together delegates and observers from Japan, the US, Canada, Chinese Taipei, New Zealand, Malaysia, Russia, Australia and the BIAC (Business and Industry Advisory Committee to the OECD). Over two days (3-4 March 2011) the group tackled:

- finalising guidance material – and other associated templates – on the Parallel Process*
- reaching agreement on the next steps on the polyester polymer project – including a work plan to progress the work on candidate monomers for the polyester list
- progressing review of the Clearing House's public website
- determining next actions for developing electronic notification software, and
- progressing further outreach activities and future participation.

The meeting also focused on reaching agreement on other activities related to low volume exemptions and perfluorinated polymers, and a communication strategy.

Summary of the outcomes

Work is now under way to redesign the current OECD public website on new chemicals; this will further understanding of – and opportunities available from – participation in the Parallel Process. Members discussed the development of guidance on the application of a pre-determined information set to include in a new substance notification for Parallel Process work-sharing arrangements. New guidance material to be available in the second half of 2011.

Members also agreed on an approach for identifying polymers of low regulatory concern (eg. polyester polymers) as well as a work plan for perfluorinated polymers and low volume exemptions. Work continues on the development of the electronic notification software.

Members conducted a workshop with representatives from industry prior to the Clearing House meeting, raising awareness and understanding of the Parallel Process, presenting the various Clearing House projects and gauging industry's interest in participating in the work on polymers.

* Work-sharing arrangements for new chemicals notifications through which a company notifies in multiple jurisdictions and authorises participating governments to share information when conducting their reviews).



CHEMICAL SAFETY UPDATE - continued



Fifth Meeting of the Conference of Parties to the Rotterdam Convention

The fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP5) to the Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure (PIC) for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade was held in Geneva, Switzerland in late June 2011.

The Convention aims to promote shared responsibility and cooperative efforts among Parties in the international trade of certain hazardous industrial chemicals and pesticides in order to protect human health and the environment from potential harm, and to contribute to the environmentally sound use of those hazardous chemicals.

The Convention sets out a procedure for these hazardous chemicals to be listed in Annex III (Chemicals subject to the Prior Informed Consent Procedure) of the Convention. When a chemical is listed on Annex III, all countries are required to advise whether they: wish to receive further imports of the chemical; wish to receive imports subject to certain conditions; or, do not wish to receive imports of this chemical. Exporting countries are then required to comply with this import notification. Listing a chemical under the Convention is not a recommendation to ban or severely restrict that chemical; its purpose is to encourage informed decision-making on future imports.

The major issues for consideration at COP5 included deciding on the inclusion of chrysotile asbestos, endosulfan, alachlor and aldicarb in the list of chemicals in Annex III; consideration of amending the Convention in relation to the listing of new chemicals, from a consensus approach to three quarter majority voting or to create a new annex to supplement Annex III for the listing of new chemicals on which consensus is not reached; adoption of procedures and mechanisms on non-compliance and enhancing cooperation among the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions.

The COP agreed to the addition of aldicarb, alachlor and endosulfan to Annex III of the Convention, and the amendment to Annex III to enter into force for all parties on 24 October 2011. However, the COP could not agree to the inclusion of chrysotile asbestos in Annex III of the Convention.

Update: Diethylhexyl Phthalate (DEHP) in cosmetics

In June 2011 the Delegate for Scheduling made a final decision on DEHP. The final decision is that the use of diethylhexyl phthalate (DEHP) in cosmetic products be included in Appendix C of the Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Medicines and Poisons (SUSMP) with an implementation date of 1 January 2012. A notice of the final decision can be accessed at the link provided below. The final decision confirms the interim decision by the delegate and follows an invitation period for submission of further comments from applicant and parties who previously made valid submissions related to the proposal for DEHP scheduling (published 15 & 16 December 2010). No submissions were received on the interim decision.

The final decision by the delegate sets out that from 1 January 2012, the use, sale and supply of cosmetics containing DEHP is prohibited. Cosmetics include personal care / toiletry preparations ie. a substance or preparation intended for placement in contact with any external part of the human body with a view to altering the odours of the body; or changing its appearance; or cleansing it; or maintaining it in good condition; or perfuming it; or protecting it.

The reasons for scheduling delegates' final decision is available at: www.tga.gov.au/industry/scheduling-decisions-1106-final.htm

Correction: Triclosan scheduling

The article on the scheduling of Triclosan in the April issue of *NICNAS Matters* omitted some important words. In addition, the website address has changed. The new links and correct wording (incorrect words included, but struck out):

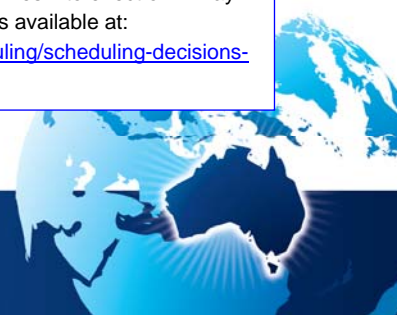
Triclosan

Triclosan is used in many consumer products, including cosmetics, due to its antimicrobial activity. NICNAS's assessment report recommended that triclosan be considered for scheduling in the Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Medicines and Poisons (SUSMP) with a cut off for cosmetics and personal care products.

The delegate for deciding amendments to the SUSMP has announced a schedule 6 entry for triclosan ~~when for cosmetic use in humans containing in cosmetic preparations for human use containing more than~~ 0.3% triclosan.

This scheduling decision comes into effect on 1 May 2012. Further information is available at:

www.tga.gov.au/pdf/scheduling/scheduling-decisions-1103-final.pdf



NICNAS committee updates

Industry Government Consultative Committee

On 21 March 2011, the 39th meeting of the NICNAS IGCC was held in Sydney. The meeting, in line with the NICNAS planning cycle, focused on 2011-12 priorities and budget. The committee also discussed the status of work on NICNAS reforms. The Department of Health and Ageing's Market Research Unit presented outcomes from the NICNAS Stakeholder Survey they conducted online in August 2010. IGCC agreed to a working group to progress responses to the survey's key findings (refer *NICNAS Matters*, December 2010). The next IGCC meeting will be held on 18 August 2011.



See http://www.nicnas.gov.au/About_NICNAS/Advisory_Groups.asp for more info

Industry Engagement Group

The NICNAS Industry Engagement Group met at NICNAS on Monday 6 June for their 7th meeting. A variety of topics was discussed, and included progress on several projects such as the Exposure Scenarios project and the OECD New Chemicals Clearing House project on expansion of the approved reactant list for polymers of low concern, as well as updates on recent training activities, recent efforts to streamline assessment processes and strategies for future improvement, and the Chemical Abstract Services (CAS) audit of the AICS.



Community Engagement Forum

On 2 May 2011, NICNAS Community Engagement Forum's 25th meeting was held in Sydney. The meeting featured presentations on the Standing Committee on Chemicals, as well as on the NICNAS Stakeholder Survey 2010. Members discussed projects for the NICNAS Workplan 2011-12 and provided input into developing a systematic framework for consultation. Members agreed on topics for the next Community Engagement Bulletin. The next CEF meeting will be held on 19 August 2011.



New NICNAS publications

REPORTS, INFORMATION SHEETS AND ALERTS

[NICNAS Cost Recovery Information update including Principles and Practices Manual](#)
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Cosmetics industry training

Director, Dr Marion Healy, made a presentation on the regulation of cosmetics and cosmetic chemicals in Australia at the recent Australian Society of Cosmetic Chemists' (ASCC) Annual Conference in Brisbane on 8 April 2011 (*a screen-shot from the presentation is pictured at right.*)

This was followed by two industry training workshops, conducted by the NICNAS New Chemicals and Reform Programs.

The workshops were attended by over 45 people and focused on risk assessment, notification and assessment requirements for cosmetic chemicals. The workshops included practical activities on cosmetic exemptions, and tips on the best ways to perform public and confidential searches of the Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances (AICS).



Monthly Staff Awards

May 2011

Rosemary Sager (*top picture*) and **Youmie Chong** (*middle picture*) received the May award for their outstanding efforts at the ASCC workshop (*see story above*). This was a focused activity targeting the cosmetic industry.

Rosemary and Youmie showed professional delivery of the program, as well as quick thinking and planning when the program had to be modified to suit the needs of the audience. Two workshops were delivered, and feedback from industry was positive, and included commendations for the quality of the presenters. Youmie and Rosemary tackled this activity while continuing their other work tasks.



June 2011

Anna Cruz (*lower picture*) received the June award for her exceptional and timely effort in addressing comments on the draft ECHA MoU (*see story, page 7*) and facilitating finalisation of the document when the Director was in Helsinki.

This urgent work was undertaken at the same time as considerable amounts of other work were progressed, particularly the Canadian Cooperative Arrangement and High Level Work Plan. Anna has made a significant contribution to NICNAS's international relationships, which broadly facilitate the work we do and increases our profile at home and abroad.



International Year of Chemistry

IYC 2011 is a worldwide celebration of the achievements of chemistry and its contribution to the well-being of humankind as outlined on the IYC website – see: <http://iyc2011.org.au/>. The second half of 2011 will be exciting for Chemistry in Australia and across the world as we celebrate the IYC as well as the centenary of Marie Curie's Nobel Prize.

A range of interactive, entertaining and educational activities for all ages will be offered under the unifying theme: "Chemistry - Our life, Our future". Ms Vicki Gardiner, Convener of the International Year of Chemistry in Australia says: "We look forward to working with you to promote contributions to chemistry and the importance of chemistry to the future of Australia".



Upcoming events

July

28-29 Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) Regulatory Conference “*Regulating for the Future*” Brisbane, Qld – see: www.accc.gov.au/content/index.phtml/itemId/969034

August

10 Australian College of Toxicology and Risk Assessment (ACTRA) symposium: *The Use of Epidemiology Studies in Regulatory Risk Assessment*, Canberra, ACT – see: www.actra.org.au/images/2011%20EPI%20Program.pdf

18 Industry Government Consultative Committee (IGCC) No. 40 (at NICNAS)

19 Community Engagement Forum – CEF No. 26 (at NICNAS)

24-26 Surface Coatings Association Australia Conference, Shoal Bay, NSW – see: www.scaa.asn.au/future_activities.php?t=National

September

7-15 *CleanUp 2011* including workshop on *Chemical Bioavailability in Terrestrial Environment, Contaminated Site Remediation*, Conference and National (Firefighting) Foam Forum and Workshop, Adelaide, SA – see: www.cleanupconference.com/

26-27 EnHealth face-to-face meetings, Darwin, NT

26-28 [Society of Risk Analysis Australia and New Zealand](http://www.societyofriskanalysis.org.au/), Brisbane, Qld

October

17 Industry Engagement Group (at NICNAS)

26-28 Australian Environmental Law Enforcement and Regulators neTWork (AELERT) Conference, Darwin, NT – see: www.aelert.com.au/?p=1082

23-29 National Safe Work Australia Week, Nationwide – see: www.safeworkaustralia.gov.au/ABOUTSAFEWORKAUSTRALIA/NATIONALACTIVITIES/SAFEWORKAUSTRALIaweek/Pages/SafeWorkAustraliaWeek.aspx

27-29 ACCORD National Conference: “*Unleashing our Industry’s Potential: Pathways to an Innovative Future*”, Surfers Paradise, Qld – see: www.accord.asn.au/major_events

27-28 Australian College of Toxicology and Risk Assessment (ACTRA) 4th annual scientific meeting, Melbourne, Vic – see: www.actra.org.au/images/Early%20Meeting%20Notice.pdf

November

8 Nanotechnology Advisory Group (at NICNAS)

22 Industry Government Consultative Committee (IGCC) meeting No. 41 (at NICNAS)

December

2 Community Engagement Forum No. 27 (at NICNAS)

3-7 Australian Institute of Occupational Hygienists Inc (AIOH) Conference, Brisbane, Qld – see: www.aioh.org.au/conference.aspx

5 NICNAS Industry and Customs Broker Training – Darwin NT (details to come)

5-7 [Third Asian-Oceanian Conference on Green and Sustainable Chemistry \(AOC-3\)](http://www.aoc3.org.au/), Melbourne

8 NICNAS Industry Training – Adelaide SA (details to come)

15 NICNAS Industry and Customs Broker Training – Perth WA (details to come)

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