



Australian Government
Department of Health and Ageing
NICNAS

Applicants for PEC Assessment of Phthalates

Bis(2-methoxyethyl) phthalate (DMEP) 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 DMEP as a **raw material** for use in toys, childcare products or cosmetics, or import **cosmetic products** containing DMEP 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

NICNAS is also making voluntary calls for information on the use of DMEP in finished products, to supplement information on DMEP 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 DMEP. 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.

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

Department of Environment and Conservation (NSW)

Sigma Aldrich Pty Ltd
