

STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATIONS ON PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE REGULATION OF HARD SURFACE DISINFECTANTS

In the September 2009 issue of NICNAS Matters and the October 2009 *Chemical Gazette*, The National Industrial Chemicals (Notification and Assessment) Scheme (NICNAS) advised stakeholders of the planned release of a consultation document and survey to determine regulatory impact of proposed changes to the regulation of hard surface disinfectants in Australia. The consultation documents will be released in early November 2009.

NICNAS and the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) will be holding public consultation sessions in the week beginning Monday 16 November 2009. Sessions are planned for Sydney and Melbourne and in other centres depending on demand.

The purpose of the public meetings is to gather information on the impact of the proposed changes to disinfectant regulation on business, the community and government, and will focus on the impact of a preferred TGA/NICNAS option or maintaining the current TGA regulatory scheme. The preferred TGA/NICNAS option is a suggested one only at this stage and its final acceptance is subject to the outcome of these consultations on regulatory impact.

Interested parties are requested to complete the expression of interest form, indicating which city they would prefer a session to be held. Please submit the completed [form](#) via fax on 02 8577 8888 by 5:00 pm, Friday 30 October 2009.