



Australian Government
Department of Health and Ageing
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Applicants for PEC Assessment of Phthalates

Butylbenzyl phthalate (BBP) 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 BBP as a **raw material** for use in toys, childcare products or cosmetics, or import **cosmetic products** containing BBP 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 BBP in finished products, to supplement information on BBP 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 BBP. 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 BBP following declaration as a PEC (current as of August 2009):

Department of Environment and Conservation (NSW)

Ferro Corporation (Aust) Pty Ltd

Nuvo Australia Pty Ltd

Sigma Aldrich Pty Ltd
