

NOTICE OF UPCOMING PUBLIC RELEASE OF DRAFT REPORT FOR PRIORITY EXISTING CHEMICAL DIETHYLHEXYL PHTHALATE

The priority existing chemical (PEC) assessment on Diethylhexyl Phthalate (DEHP) is undergoing the mandated consultation process and the draft assessment report will be available for public comment on 25 January 2010 from the NICNAS web site. A notice on the availability of the report for public comment will be published in the *Chemical Gazette* of 2 February 2010. The public comment period will close on 2 March 2010.

Briefings on the findings and recommendations of the report will be held in Sydney, Melbourne and other major cities, between 16 and 19 February, depending on the level of interest. Please indicate your interest in attending the briefing and preference of city in the attached [sheet](#) and e-mail or fax to NICNAS.

DEHP (CAS No 117-81-7) is one of nine phthalates declared as a Priority Existing Chemical (PEC) under the *Industrial Chemicals (Notification and Assessment) Act 1989* (the Act) on 7 March 2006 for public health risk assessment. The basis for the declaration was the actual and potential use of DEHP in toys, child care articles and cosmetics. The declaration notice is available on the NICNAS website at: http://www.nicnas.gov.au/Industry/Existing_Chemicals/PEC_Declarations.asp.