

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

The draft priority existing chemical (PEC) assessment on Diethylhexyl Phthalate (DEHP) is now available for public comment. The draft report is available at http://www.nicnas.gov.au/Industry/Existing_Chemicals/PEC_Declarations/Draft_DE_HP_Public_comment_PDF.pdf.

A notice on the availability of the report for public comment will also be published in the *Chemical Gazette* of 2 February 2010. The public comment period will close on **2 March 2010** by close of business (5:30 pm).

Submission format for variation requests

Any requests to vary the draft report must be made with respect to the draft report and accompanied by a completed application form (NICNAS Form 4a) which is available on the NICNAS website at:

http://www.nicnas.gov.au/Forms/Existing_Chemicals/Form4a_PDF.pdf.

Applications should clearly outline any amendment or change(s) requested. All applications for variation must identify the exact words, sentence or paragraph in the report to be varied and then state replacement words, sentences or paragraphs. The rationale behind any request for variation must be clearly explained, with references where relevant.

Requests for variation should be sent to: NICNAS, PO Box 58, Sydney NSW 2001.

Briefings

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](#) by **4th of February 2010** 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.