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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6.

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>AUSTRALIA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):
2.	Agency responsible: Department of Health and Ageing National Industrial Chemicals Notification and Assessment Scheme GPO Box 58 Sydney NSW 2001 Australia Fax No: +61 2 85778888 Tel No: +61 2 85778800 www.nicnas.gov.au Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, e-mail and web-site addresses, if available) of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above:
3.	Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [], 5.6.2 [], 5.7.1 [], other:
4.	Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Industrial chemicals
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Industrial Chemicals (Notification and Assessment) Amendment (Low Regulatory Concern Chemicals) Bill 2004
6.	Description of content: Seeks to amend the <i>Industrial Chemicals (Notification and Assessment) Act 1989</i> .
7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: The proposed amendments to the Industrial Chemicals (Notification and Assessment) Act 1989 will introduce flexibility into the current assessment process for industrial chemicals to enable the fast tracking of low regulatory concern chemicals while maintaining existing levels of worker safety, public health and environmental standards.
8.	Relevant documents: <i>Regulation Impact Statement for proposed amendments to the Industrial Chemicals (Notification and Assessment) Act 1989.</i> http://www.nicnas.gov.au/obligations/reform/pdf/LRCCRIS-ORR.pdf

9. Proposed date of adoption: To be determined
Proposed date of entry into force: The amendments shall commence on a date to be fixed by proclamation

10. Final date for comments: 30 April 2004

11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [] or address, telephone and fax numbers, e-mail and web-site addresses, if available of the other body:

The text of the legislation can be viewed at:

<http://parlinfoweb.aph.gov.au/piweb/Repository/Legis/Bills/Linked/31030401.pdf>

Comments may be addressed to:

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