

# WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

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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.	<b>Member to Agreement notifying:</b> <u>ARGENTINA</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):</b>
2.	<b>Agency responsible:</b> Ministry of Health <b>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:</b> Avda. 9 Julio 1925 (C1073ABA) Buenos Aires, Tel.: 54-11-4379-9010, Fax: 54-11-4379-9038; URL: www.msal.gov.ar; E-mail: consultas@msal.gov.ar.
3.	<b>Notified under Article 2.9.2 [    ], 2.10.1 [    ], 5.6.2 [ X ], 5.7.1 [    ], other:</b>
4.	<b>Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): be provided in addition, where applicable):</b> Childcare articles and toys made of flexible materials for children under the age of three (3), designed to be placed in the mouth.
5.	<b>Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:</b> Resolution MS No. 438/2001 (3 pages, in Spanish).
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> Extends for a period of three hundred and sixty five (365) days, from 22 March 2001, the ban on the manufacture, import, export, marketing or free delivery of childcare articles and toys made of flexible materials for children under the age of three (3), that are designed to be placed in the mouth and contain phthalic acid esters (DEHP, DINP, DNOP, DOP, DIDP, BBP and DBP).
7.	<b>Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:</b>  There is a need to establish a procedure by which to identify articles designed for children under three years old that contain phthalic acid esters deemed hazardous to the health.
8.	<b>Relevant documents:</b> G/TBT/Notif.99/34
9.	<b>Proposed date of adoption:</b> -- <b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> 22 March 2001
10.	<b>Final date for comments:</b> --

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

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