

# WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

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## Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

### NOTIFICATION

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

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>UNITED STATES</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):
2.	Agency responsible: Consumer Product Safety Commission (1) 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): ICS numbers may be Provided in addition, where applicable): Household Products containing Methacrylic Acid (8 pages, English)
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Requirements for Child-Resistant Packaging; Household Products Containing Methacrylic Acid (8 pages, English)
6.	Description of content: The Commission is proposing a rule to require child-resistant ("CR") packaging for liquid household products containing more than 5 per cent or more methacrylic acid (weight-to-volume) in a single package. The Commission is specifically concerned about nail care products containing methacrylic acid, the only household product the Commission has confirmed to contain methacrylic acid. The Commission takes this action under the Authority of the Poison Prevention Packaging Act of 1970.
7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: The Commission has preliminarily determined that child-resistant packaging is necessary to protect children under 5 years of age from serious personal injury and serious illness resulting from handling or ingesting a toxic amount of methacrylic acid.
8.	Relevant documents: 63 FR 71800, 30 December 1998; 16 CFR Part 1700. Will appear in the Federal Register when adopted.
9.	Proposed date of adoption: To be determined Proposed date of entry into force:
10.	Final date for comments: 15 March 1999
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, e-mail and telefax number of the other body: The text is also available on the Internet.