

**Question for written answer E-007342/2014  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Ban on animal testing for household products

An EU ban on animal testing for cosmetics has been in force since early 2013. With this ban, the EU correctly addressed the justified concerns expressed by a majority of its citizens, but many concerns still remain on this subject of animal testing. During Parliament's hearing of Commissioner-designate Vella, I asked him whether he could envisage a similar ban on animal testing for household products, to which he replied that he would look into this matter. To what extent is the Commission considering a ban on animal testing for household products?

1. Does the Commission agree that if an EU-wide ban on animal testing for household products were to be introduced, it also follows that there must be a level playing field for companies producing these items?
2. If the Commission were to introduce such a ban, does it agree that the next logical step would be to ban the marketing of products which have been tested on animals?
3. Can the Commission give an estimate of the timeframe for the entry into force of a ban on animal testing for household products, and for the subsequent ban on marketing such products?