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to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Assessment of animal testing carried out in order to ensure that products sold on the EU market comply with EU legislation

The Commission's report of 5 December 2013 on animal testing emphasises that the need to ensure that products sold on the EU market comply with EU rules, which entails both quality control procedures for products used in human medicine, dentistry and veterinary medicine and toxicological evaluations, is much more likely to provide an incentive for animal testing than the equivalent need to comply with national legislation (quality control: 35.9% as against 3.9%; toxicological evaluations: 21.7% as against 8.95%).

Not all the animal testing performed in the EU is carried out for the purposes referred to above, however.

1. Will the Commission say what proportion of the tests carried out on live animals are motivated by the need to ensure that products comply with EU rules, at least as regards basic biological studies, which account for 46.1% of all animal testing?

2. Will the Commission carry out impact assessments in respect of these tests whenever a change in medical and toxicological standards seems likely to encourage more animal testing?