

**Question for written answer E-000045/2019/rev.1
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Animal testing and clarifications on REACH and the Cosmetics Regulation

In 2014, the Commission and European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) released a statement¹ on the interface between REACH² and the Cosmetics Regulation³, which nominally permitted the testing of product ingredients on animals in order to ascertain whether the substance poses a risk to worker safety, even when the ingredient is used exclusively in cosmetic products. The reality of the matter is that ECHA is contradicting its own statement and requires companies to conduct animal tests for purely cosmetic ingredients in order to guarantee consumer safety.

Could the Commission confirm whether it agrees that:

- the ban on testing cosmetic products and ingredients on animals and on the marketing of such products should take precedence over what would otherwise be required or permitted under REACH, with the bans applying regardless of where an animal test under REACH takes place, i.e. inside or outside the EU?
- the fact that the substance is exclusively used in cosmetic products should not matter?
- regardless of the nominal purpose of the animal test, the information generated should not be relied upon for the purposes of the safety report required by Article 10 of the Cosmetics Regulation?

¹ https://echa.europa.eu/view-article/-/journal_content/title/clarity-on-interface-between-reach-and-the-cosmetics-regulation

² Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006.

³ Regulation (EU) No 1223/2009.