

ORAL QUESTION WITH DEBATE O-0055/08

pursuant to Rule 108 of the Rules of Procedure

by Guido Sacconi, on behalf of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety
to the Commission

Subject: Draft REACH Test Methods Regulation

The European Commission submitted to the European Parliament the draft REACH Test Methods Regulation on 27 February 2008 (D001792/07/00). However, a number of alternative test methods to animal tests validated by the European Centre for the Validation of Alternative Methods (ECVAM) in 2006/2007 have not been included in the draft regulation, since they have not yet been approved for regulatory purposes.

What is the European Commission doing to ensure the swift adoption and availability of alternative methods to animal tests for regulatory purposes? Has the Commission taken, or will it take, any action to ensure an efficient and transparent procedure as well as effective cooperation between the institutions involved in the validation and regulatory acceptance procedure?

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