

WRITTEN QUESTION E-5679/08
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to the Commission

Subject: EU Directive on Animal Testing

Can the Commission explain its reasons for postponing its review of Directive 86/609/EEC¹ on the protection of animals used for experimental and other scientific purposes²? Has the Commission set a new deadline for this review?

In addition, is the Commission still expecting the results on the research conducted for the European Parliament's Written Declaration 0040/2007 regarding primates in animal testing to be ready by the end of October? Will the Commission then establish a deadline for the phasing out of primates in animal testing?

Finally, does the Commission not agree that, with the current technology available to us, it is now time to find alternative solutions to using animals in experiments?

¹ OJ L 358, 18.12.1986, p. 1.

² http://ec.europa.eu/food/fs/aw/aw_legislation/scientific/86-609-eec_en.pdf