

**Question for written answer E-001729/2021
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: A complete end to animal testing for cosmetic products

Since 2013, Regulation (EC) No 1223/2009 on cosmetic products has officially banned testing on animals.

As a result, the placing on the market of a cosmetic product which has been the subject of animal testing is prohibited, even if the tests took place in a third country.

Since then, reliable alternative methods have been introduced to replace animal testing.

Unfortunately, the Board of Appeal of the European Chemicals Agency has ruled that the Regulation on the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH) requires registrants to carry out tests on animals for substances used in cosmetic products. This is in order to assess the harmfulness of products for workers.

In its answer to question E-000087/2021¹, the Commission argued that REACH had primacy over the Cosmetics Regulation.

This position seriously undermines the ban on animal testing in the area of cosmetics.

Therefore:

1. Does the Commission intend to impose sanctions on manufacturers who circumvent the legislation in order to continue animal testing?
2. By prioritising REACH, is it ignoring the fact that many alternatives exist?
3. Does it intend to list them and make them compulsory?

¹ Answer to question E-000087/21 (europa.eu)