

**Question for written answer E-005329/2021
to the Commission**

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Subject: Animal testing

Animal testing for cosmetic products has actually been banned in the EU since 2009. However, the Center for Alternatives to Animal Testing (CAAT) has published a document suggesting that tests have been carried out on thousands of animals since the ban was introduced. In light of the above:

1. Regulations are only useful if they can actually be enforced. How does the Commission intend to ensure that all parties comply with the animal testing ban in the future?
2. Why does the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) allow certain substances to be used in cosmetics even though they have been previously tested on animals?