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Subject: Ban on tobacco-related experiments on animals

In 2019 the '30 million friends' association denounced the use of animals to test the toxicity of substances present in tobacco¹. The animals are forced to inhale cigarette smoke for hours at a time over a number of days.

The experiments contravene Directive 2010/63/EU, which calls on laboratories to replace animal testing with alternative methods and to reduce the number of animals used.

As the toxicity of substances in tobacco is known and documented, the experiments are unnecessary and can be replaced by alternative methods, such as in vitro inhalations to study the effects of the substances on lung tissue.

Moreover, the use of two million animals is completely disproportionate to the needs and results obtained with the tests.

Even more serious is the fact that the tests have for years concealed the link between tobacco and lung cancer in humans, as our physiological differences with animals have reduced the predictability of the experiments.

Will the European Commission ban:

1. Tobacco-related animal testing in the EU?
2. The import and sale of tobacco products tested on animals in third countries?

¹ <https://www.30millionsdamis.fr/actualites/article/17244-les-animaux-victimes-de-la-cruaute-des-tests-pour-le-tabac/>