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to the Commission**

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Subject: Ban on animal testing and revision of the REACH Regulation

Regulation (EC) No 1223/2009 on cosmetic products bans animal testing of ingredients and finished cosmetic products. However, in August 2020, the Board of Appeal of the European Chemicals Agency issued two important decisions on two UV filters used in sun creams: homosalate and 2-ethylhexyl salicylate, which are thought to be endocrine disruptors.

The REACH Regulation does not prevent testing on vertebrate animals, even if the substance being tested is used exclusively as an ingredient in cosmetic products. The above reversal of the legal position, combined with the ban on the 'not tested on animals' claim, endangers the integrity of the cruelty-free market.

1. Does the Commission intend to finally implement the 2009 ban on animal testing, both for ingredients and for finished cosmetic products?
2. Is the Commission planning to revise the REACH Regulation to bring it in line with the Cosmetics Regulation?
3. Will the Commission encourage investment in alternative testing methods that are ethical and innovative and do not use animals?

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