

**Question for written answer E-002887/2025
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Use of CMR substances in cosmetics and their compatibility with EU health and sustainability objectives

The recent presentation of the chemicals package by the European Commission has generated widespread public concern about the weakening of public health protection. In particular, the proposal to amend the Regulation on cosmetic products provides for the possibility of allowing the use of certain substances classified as carcinogenic, mutagenic or reprotoxic (CMR), provided there is no danger posed through skin contact, but only through ingestion or inhalation.

This proposal would run counter to the precautionary principle and would lower the levels of consumer protection achieved so far in the EU, especially in everyday products such as cosmetics.

Considering the above:

1. What scientific and regulatory justification is there for the proposal to allow CMR substances in cosmetics where a risk through skin contact is not clearly proven?
2. What kind of independent assessment is planned to ensure that these substances do not really pose a risk through skin contact?
3. How does this proposal align with the objectives of the Chemicals Strategy for Sustainability and the commitment to ensure a high level of health protection in the internal market?

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