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Subject: Checks on the presence of prohibited substances and trace impurities in non-EU cosmetic products entering the single market

The EU cosmetics industry faces significant costs and complexity in ensuring that products placed on the market meet the stringent safety and environmental standards required by EU legislation. While the same expectations apply to all imported cosmetics, in the absence of proper controls on the quality and conformity of products originating from outside the EU, European industry may face unfair competition, and EU citizens and the EU environment may in addition be exposed to unacceptable risks.

1. Does the Commission have data on the number of inspections conducted on cosmetics at EU customs checkpoints by the Member States, on the types of inspection carried out and on whether these include thorough analytical investigations so as to exclude the potential presence of prohibited substances and of trace impurities in avoidable concentrations?

2. Are the number, frequency and types of border inspection representative of the variety of imported cosmetics and their diverse origin, and are they statistically meaningful in terms of providing a clear understanding of the volumes of imported goods in this sector?

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