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Subject: Ensuring risk assessment as the basis for proportionate regulation of cosmetic products

The classification of chemicals based on their properties and hazard profile is the responsibility of the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) and is based on the opinions of the Committee for Risk Assessment (RAC). The role of the legislator is to take regulatory decisions, including restrictions or bans on the use of substances, based on the actual risks arising from specific uses and exposure levels in particular sectors, including the cosmetics sector.

Currently, however, neither ECHA nor the RAC systematically provide risk assessments for specific uses or information enabling a full exposure assessment, which creates a significant gap between hazard classification and proportionate regulation.

The Commission is therefore asked to answer the following questions:

1. How does the Commission intend to ensure that the legislator has access to use-specific risk assessments, so that regulatory decisions are not based solely on hazard classification?

2. Does the Commission plan to ensure that RAC opinions systematically cover exposure levels that do not give rise to concern for all relevant exposure routes: oral, dermal and inhalation?

3. How does the Commission intend to prevent situations whereby regulatory restrictions lead to disproportionate socio-economic impacts in the absence of demonstrated risks to human health or the environment?

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