

**Priority question for written answer P-000488/2026
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Simplifying requirements for cosmetics products made by small home producers from locally sourced natural ingredients

The EU Cosmetics Regulation imposes strict requirements for product registration, safety assessment and production quality assurance. While these requirements are essential to ensure consumer safety and market transparency, they constitute a significant obstacle for small home producers who wish to manufacture handmade, fully natural and organic cosmetic products.

These obligations limit the ability of artisanal producers to develop and offer their products to consumers, create unfavourable conditions and lead to losses for local culture, sustainable use of natural resources and economic diversity. By contrast, regulatory frameworks in countries such as Canada, the United States and Australia allow for more differentiated approaches. The EU legal framework requires full product registration with extensive documentation and testing, strict compliance with good manufacturing practice, and the use of costly expert services. These requirements act as barriers for small-scale artisanal production, even though the risk profile of such products is fundamentally different from that of complex chemical cosmetics.

1. Does the Commission consider that it would be possible to lighten the regulatory regime for small-scale natural cosmetic producers without compromising consumer safety?
2. In line with the simplification objective, is the Commission considering a more risk-based and differentiated regulatory approach for low-risk cosmetic products manufactured in small volumes using local, natural and non-synthetic ingredients?

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