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Answer given by Executive Vice-President Séjourné
on behalf of the European Commission
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Cosmetics are composed of chemical substances and irrespective of whether they are of natural origin or manufactured, they must be safe, and the safety of the final cosmetic product must be assessed by a qualified assessor. The testing must be documented to enable the responsible person to demonstrate the compliance with the safety requirements and, in case of the occurrence of the undesirable effect, to detect the cause of the problem.

The Commission is currently carrying out the evaluation of the Cosmetics Regulation¹. It will assess whether the current rules are effective, efficient, relevant and coherent as well as whether the EU level requirements add value. The evaluation will also examine the effects of the Regulation on small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) and their competitiveness.

The Commission recognises the importance of SMEs and artisans for the EU economy and aims to ensure that EU legislation is implementable for SMEs. If the evaluation demonstrates that the current rules are overly burdensome for small, local enterprises, the Commission will consider if they could be simplified without jeopardising consumers' health.

¹ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/HTML/?uri=CELEX:02009R1223-20250901>.