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Charles Michel, President, European Council
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Cosmetics Animal Testing Ban Effectively Shredded

The EU Cosmetics Regulation animal testing and marketing bans have been used as the gold standard around the world – setting the precedent for cosmetics products and ingredients to be used safely without subjecting animals to cruel and unnecessary tests. These bans have now been dealt a devastating blow following a series of regulatory decisions made by the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA), with support from the European Commission and ECHA’s own Board of Appeal.

ECHA is now requiring some widely used cosmetics ingredients (and ingredients used in many other types of consumer products) to be tested on thousands of animals under the guise of the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH) regulation. As a direct result of these decisions, the use of thousands of rats and rabbits in tests is required, some of whom will be force-fed a cosmetics ingredient throughout pregnancy before they and their unborn offspring are killed and dissected. REACH must not be used to circumvent the Cosmetics Regulation and render the cosmetics testing and marketing bans meaningless.

The approach of ECHA and the Commission is at odds with the European Parliament's call in May 2018 for a worldwide ban on testing cosmetics on animals by 2023. It undermines the purpose and value of the Cosmetics Regulation, which many of us have worked determinedly over many years to shape, implement, and leverage with non-EU countries in developing their own cosmetics legislation. The approach also has consequences for citizens around the globe who want to purchase cruelty-free products: 84% of respondents to a recent global survey said they would not buy a cosmetics product if they knew it (or one of its ingredients) had been tested on animals.¹

The bans are further threatened by the Commission's future policy for chemicals regulation – the Chemicals Strategy for Sustainability – which is set to expand testing requirements for substances including cosmetics ingredients, at the cost of potentially thousands of animals' lives.

One of the principal objectives of the Cosmetics Regulation is the protection of human health, with the intention that this be safeguarded in all situations. The ingredients at the centre of ECHA’s decisions have a long history of safe use by consumers and have been handled safely in factories for many years. It is perfectly possible to use exposure-based weight-of-evidence assessments, using a variety of non-animal data, to fill any perceived critical information gaps in order to be assured of the safety of these ingredients.

Indeed, as clarified by the Court of Justice of the European Union in the 2016 European Federation for Cosmetics Ingredients case, new safety-assessment data for cosmetics substances imported into the EU must rely only on non-animal assessment methods. Logically, precisely the same approach must be adopted for testing within the EU, whether under REACH or any other EU legislation.

We, the undersigned, call for the EU cosmetics animal testing ban to be upheld as intended, with no new tests on animals allowed.

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actiMare natural cosmetics Cruelty Free International
AD skin synergy Diervriendelijk Nederland
Adesse New York EcoVegetarians, Bosnia
Aesop Eurogroup for Animals
Agilise Cosmeticos European Coalition to End Animal Experiments
All About Good Vibes GAIA, Belgium
Alter-Native Humane Society International
Alucia Organics LAV, Italy
Alvend Laboratoire Menschen für Tierrechte – Bundesverband der Tierversuchsgesellschaft e.V.*
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Beauty Disrupted
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Bellati Naturals
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BH Cosmetics
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Biotakara
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Black Dahlia Lacquer
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Blaq
Bliss Delights
Bluebird Skincare
blum organics
Body & Face St Cyrus
Body & Face St Cyrus Ltd
Bolt Beauty Limited
Bo-Po Nailpolish (Worx Toys)
Botanico Vida
Botanics
bPerfect Cosmetics
Bramley Products Ltd.
Brooks-Hill Limited
BrushBox
Buff Efforts
buScreen
Butterwhips Ltd
Cafuné
Capure Goat Milk Soap
Cemon Homeopathics Ltd
CHEMEXC S de RL
Dermacare
Chemical Manufacturing and
Exporting Company S de RL
Chez Lapin Goods
Childs Farm Ltd
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Christiane Heyn
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Clean Beauty Distribution
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COLORISI
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Comette Cosmetics
Conscious Skincare
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Corinne Taylor Holistic
Therapy
Coruscare
Cosmondaonal
Crane + Wilton Ltd
Crowd Culture
Crystal Spring Consumer Division Ltd
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Day Lily Paris
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Dermalogica
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Designer Lashes UK
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Dove
Dr Jackson Limited
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Earth Conscious Ltd
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Ecoleaf
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Elixir Treatments
Elizabeth Mott
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Eloise Hall Ltd.
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Enviro-works
epic beauty
EQ France
Equus Mare
Era Organics
Erui Cosmetics
Essante Organics
EXQUISITE Luxury Ltd
Extraordinarios Luxo Natural
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Fair Squared
Faith in Nature Ltd.
Farryn Amber
FATFACE
FatFace UK Ltd
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Frances Prescott
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Friendly Soap Ltd.
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Funky Soap Shop Ltd
Fushi Wellbeing Ltd
Fusion Body Art
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Gaia Skincare Limited
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Gelstory
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Comercial Integral Navalon SL
GHS Direct Ltd
Girls with Attitude
Good3
Green Beauty Cosmetics
Green Beaver Company
HAER Limited
HAKA Kunz
Hanaei Beauty Company
Happy Carrot Skincare Ltd
Hashtag Brothers
Here We Flo
Heroine
Hibisco cosmetica natural
Home and Body Company
Homethings
Hourglass Cosmetics
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Ihana Skincare
Ikeda Group Pte Ltd
iLevel Lab
Imperial Bioscience Ltd
Inari Skincare Ltd.
Inlight Beauty & Wellness
InnoNature
InovAir Ltd ("Pairfum")
Insphy
Institut Claude Bell
Internet Café-BG Ltd.
IRÉN
J Bloom Cosmetics
Java Cosmetics
Jax Wax
Jessica Laura Organics Ltd.
JL Cosmetica Natural
Jolie Vegan
Julie Clarke Candles
Kaia Naturals
Kalentin
Kama Soap
Karma Organic Spa
Kate Somerville
Kativa
Katmandu
Kiss the Moon Ltd
Kit and Kin
Koh Australia Pty Ltd
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Korah Tools
Kri Skincare Ltd
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La-Eva
Lano
Lanolips
Lanolips Pty Ltd
Laura Sanchez Makeup
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Les Happy Curiennes
Li Cosmetic AG
LI Pigments
Lipstains Gold
Lisa Nail Lacquer
Lissea Limited
Little Danube Limited
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Living Proof
LivOliv Cosmetics
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LLB Skin
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Loopy Products Limited
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Love Henri Ltd
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1stDrop
Luna Bronze
Luna Nectar
M32 Natural
Ma Sista Stuff
Made for Life Organics
Made in Youthland
Magic Lips
Maison de Navar
Mama Zebra Cosmetics
ManCave Ltd.
Marie Hunter Beauty
Mark Birch Trichlogist
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Matana Skincare
Mawena
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Mediterranean Tan
Melchior & Balthazar
Mervue Natural Skincare
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Minoris Organik
MOB Beauty
Modern Botany
Molton Brown Limited
Mommy Makeup
Moss & Adams
Motherlylove Limited
MuLondon Ltd
Murad LLC
Myrtle & Maude Ltd.
Naissance
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Natroma & The Natural
Soapworks
Natura
Natura &Co
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Nature Knows Best
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Neo Make Up
NeoHair Ltd
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Nomad Cosmetics
Nubian Heritage
Nursem
Oceane
October Fields
Ofra Cosmetics
Om Oils
One Chem
Orbit Pad
Organic and Nature
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Pachamamai
Pai Skincare Ltd.
Paima Beauty
Pamoja Skincare Ltd
Passion Cosmetics Paris
Patricia Deleon Cosmetics
Paula's Choice
Paws Beauty
Pee Safe
Perfect Girl
Persona Cosmetics
Pet Revolution Ltd
PHB Ethical Beauty Ltd
Phil Smith Be Gorgeous
Phil Smith Be Gorgeous Ltd
Planted
Planted Skincare
Pluscosmetica Duo
Poppy's Natural Skincare
Popwhite
Power Health Products
Power Health Products Ltd
Power Pets Brands
Previa S.p.A.
PRIIA Cosmetics
Primal Essence
Procarton
Pure Argan Co Ltd
Pure Chemistry S.A.S.
Pure Essence Collection Ltd
Raen
Rawgaia
Releaf
Ren Clean Skincare
Renpure
Reviv Serums
Rhuge Organic & Natural Ltd
Rhuge Wild Beauty
Romilly Wilde
Rosenserien
Royal Tara Giftware Limited
rue Santé
Safe Nails
SAHARA International Group
Salt of the Earth
SAMAYA Ayurveda Limited
Sampure Minerals
Sana Jardin Limited
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Sapunta Malta
Sasy n Savy
Saving Face Limited
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Secrets Cosmetiques
Seda
Sedal
Sensori Plus
Sepai Laboratories
Seraphine Botanicals
Seventh Generation
Shea Moisture
Shea Shea Bakery
Shea-Me Ltd
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Simple
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Siskyn Skincare
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Skinny Sprinkles
SKN-RG Ltd.
Sky Organics
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Smol Ltd
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Sonia Orts
Spiezia Organics Ltd
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St Ives
Starbrands S.A.C.
Stereo Color
Suave
Suds
Sue Marsh
Sugar Coated Ltd
Sugar StripEase
Sukrit Ayurveda
Suma
Suma Wholefoods
Sunsilk
Suntegrity Skincare
Sweden Eco
Synergy Biologics
Tailored Beauty
Tan Organic
Tandem Skincare
Tarsago Ltd
Tatcha
teethlovers
The 7 Virtues
The Aftercare Company
The Barberia
The Beauty of Eczema
The Bio-D Company Ltd
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The Good Stuff
The Green People Company
The Konjac Sponge Company Ltd
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The Perfume Laboratory
The Pure Collection
The Victorian Garden Organic Skincare
Thermitek Ltd
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Thunderbird Skin
Tolteca
Total Solutions Inc
Trebol Verde
TRUE Skincare Limited
Two Orchards Ltd
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TYH London
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Velveit Cosmetics
Velvet & Sweet Pea’s Purrfumery
Ville de Fleurs
Visage Pro
Watermans
Wax Melts International Limited
White Rabbit Skincare Ltd.
Whitfords
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Wild & Wolf
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