

With regard to the EU's market ban on animal-tested cosmetics, as discussed, our opinions are as below:

It is understood that alternatives to animal testing methods for cosmetics which are tested and verified by the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) and approved by organisations such as the EU are not widely available and are comparatively limited. Alternatives to animal testing such as repeated toxicity doses, reproductive toxicity and toxicokinetics are currently still in the research stage and not yet established. Given the lack of appropriate testing methods for the safety of cosmetics, a ban on animal testing would most definitely result in the safety of the product not being guaranteed, which will naturally impact on consumer safety. We suggest that the implementation of a ban on animal testing methods should wait until appropriate alternative methods are fully developed and widely recognised. We also think that setting up a specific implementation date for the ban is inappropriate at this time.

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