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Order on the methods of analysis necessary for monitoring the composition of cosmetic products

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4. Notification Number

1999/0436/F

5. Title

Order on the methods of analysis necessary for monitoring the composition of cosmetic products

6. Products Concerned

Test methods for cosmetic products

7. Notification Under Another Act

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8. Main Content

The Order describes in detail 2 official methods for evaluating the potential for cosmetic products to irritate the eyes, which are alternatives to animal testing.

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

The Order of 5 April 1971 already describes 4 methods for evaluating the irritancy potential of cosmetic products. These two new methods are part of an array of tests which work towards evaluating irritancy potential.



These methods are needed to gradually replace animal testing, as there are calls for this to be prohibited at Community level;

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

Article L. 658 - 4 of the Health Code stipulates that before any cosmetic product or bodily hygiene product is placed on the market, a file containing all relevant information on the product, particularly with regard to transcutaneous toxicity and skin and mucous membrane tolerance testing, must be assembled.

Article 4 of Directive 76-768 of 27 July 1976 prohibits, as of 1 January 1998, the placing on the market of cosmetic products containing ingredients or combinations of ingredients tested on animals.

This same article, at the end of paragraph 1(i), stipulates that "the Commission shall, more particularly, see to the development, validation and legal acceptance of test methods which do not use live animals".

It should be noted that the deadline for the application of this directive has been extended pending the validation of all the alternative tests.

11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure

No

12. Grounds for the Emergency

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13. Confidentiality

No

14. Fiscal measures

No

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