

Safety Assessment of Cosmetics in Europe

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European cosmetic legislation and cosmetic safety without animal testing.

The actual EU legislation concerned with the safety of cosmetic products strives to protect the consumer while avoiding animal experiments at the same time

Every cosmetic product placed on the European market must fulfil the requirements as stated in the Directive 76/768/EEC with its different Amendments. This directive forms the basis of this book, explaining the “mechanics” of the EU regulations and their practical implications, like the impact of the intended ban on animal testing of cosmetic ingredients. With a view to the pending ban, particular attention is given to the current status of the ‘3Rs’ in animal testing (*Reduce* the number of animals being tested, *Refine* the methodology used and *Replace* animal models by in vitro models) and to the extent to which they are implemented by the cosmetic industry and considered by the official bodies in their risk assessment process.

In this invaluable handbook, qualified cosmetic safety assessors, suppliers of raw materials, dermatologists and pharmacists, toxicologists as well as EU officials and administrators dealing with cosmetics will find all relevant information on the European cosmetic legislation, the compilation of cosmetic technical dossiers, toxicological database searches, and the availability and use of alternative methods in the field of cosmetics.

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