Senate Community Affairs Committee

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Question:

If a cosmetic ingredient meets the safety requirements set out in the EU cosmetics regulation, EU Regulation 1223/2009, on the basis of a different data-set than appears in the relevant Schedule/s of the ICNA Act, (for example if acute toxicity test data appears for the oral route of administration but not the dermal route), would additional animal test data for the dermal route of acute toxicity testing also be required by NICNAS before the substance can be used in cosmetics in Australia?

Answer:

The toxicological data requirements set out in Part C of the Schedule to the *Industrial Chemicals (Notification and Assessment) Act 1989* would only apply if the new chemical was being introduced in volumes of one tonne or greater per year. Variation to the scheduled data requirements could be sought for acute dermal toxicity on the basis of the acute oral toxicity test result and the dermal absorption properties (measured or estimated) of the notified chemical.