

Senate Community Affairs Committee

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Question:

Of the ingredients [of those chemicals used in cosmetics] that required full or partial assessment and provided animal testing data, how many of those ingredients are already on an approved list overseas that we would consider a jurisdiction that we thought was safe?

Answer:

Pre-market assessments of public health impacts for new cosmetic ingredients are conducted by government bodies in Canada and the European Union (for certain ingredients only, such as preservatives, colours, and UV filters).

None of the new industrial chemicals that required full assessment (i.e. with statutory data requirements for health effects) in 2013-14 (2014-15 data are not yet available), and that had animal testing data submitted, had been assessed previously by government bodies in Canada or the European Union.

Four chemicals that required partial assessment (i.e. without statutory data requirements for health effects) in 2013-14 and that had animal testing data submitted, had been assessed previously by government bodies in Canada or the European Union.